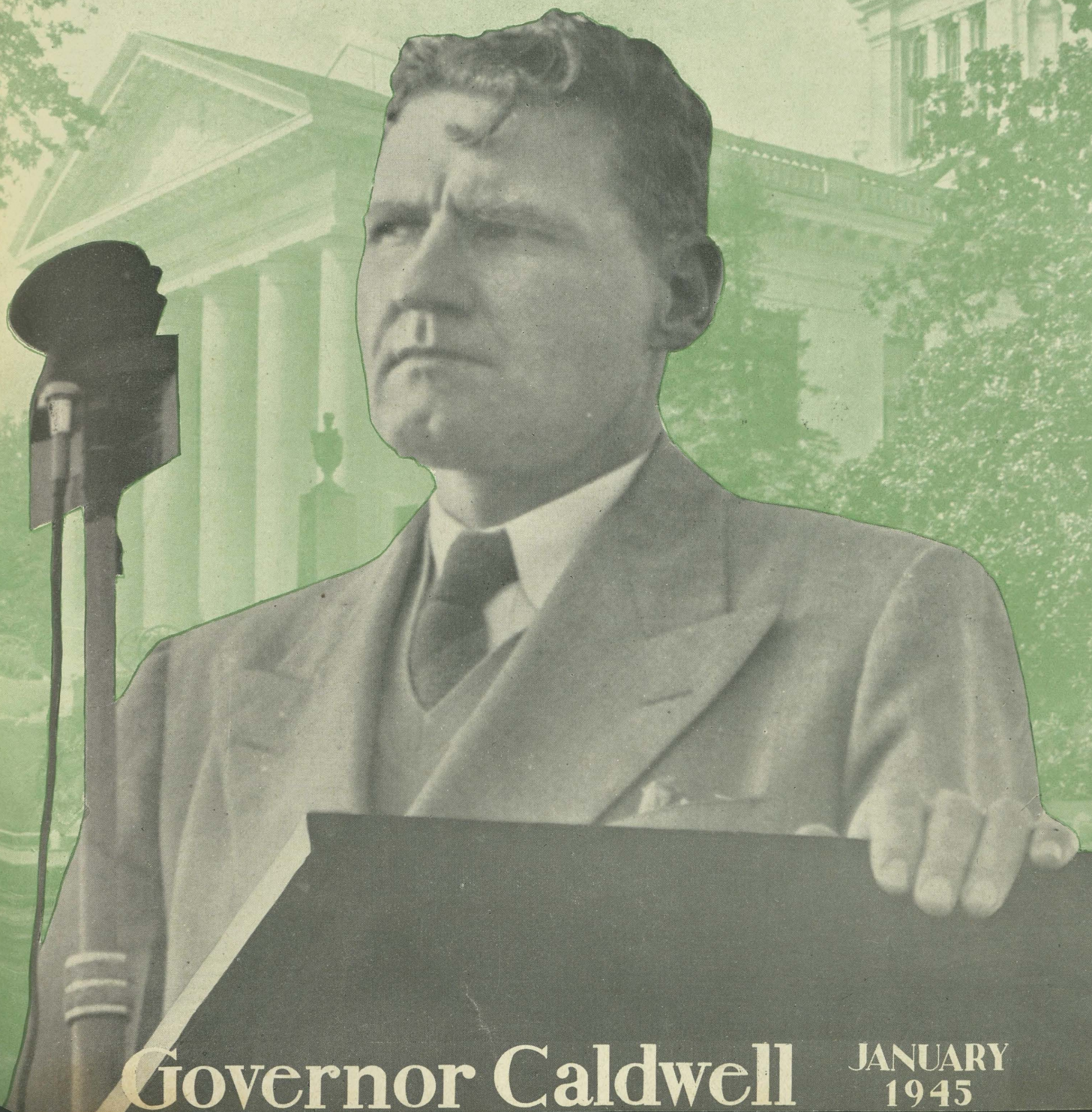


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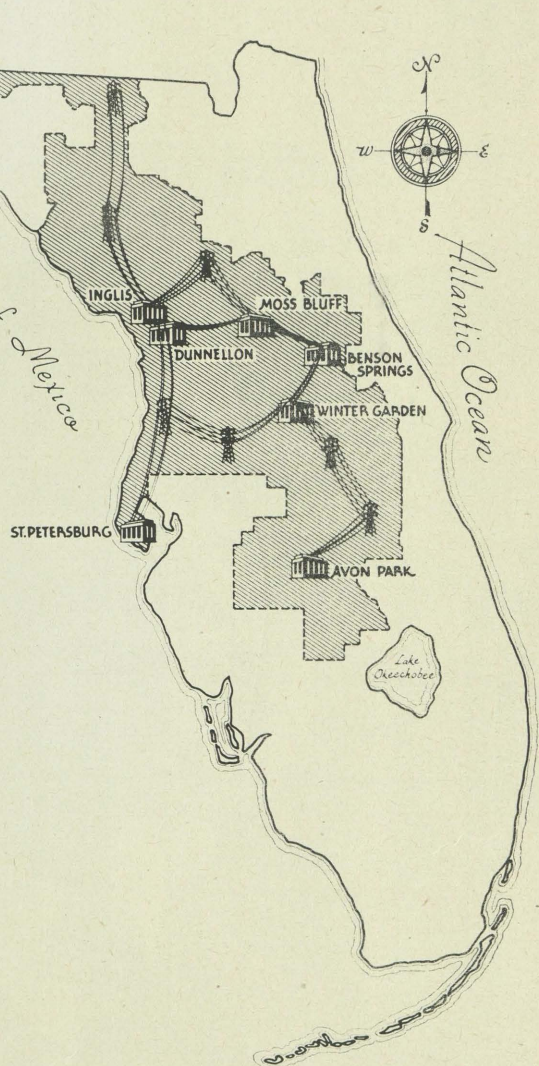
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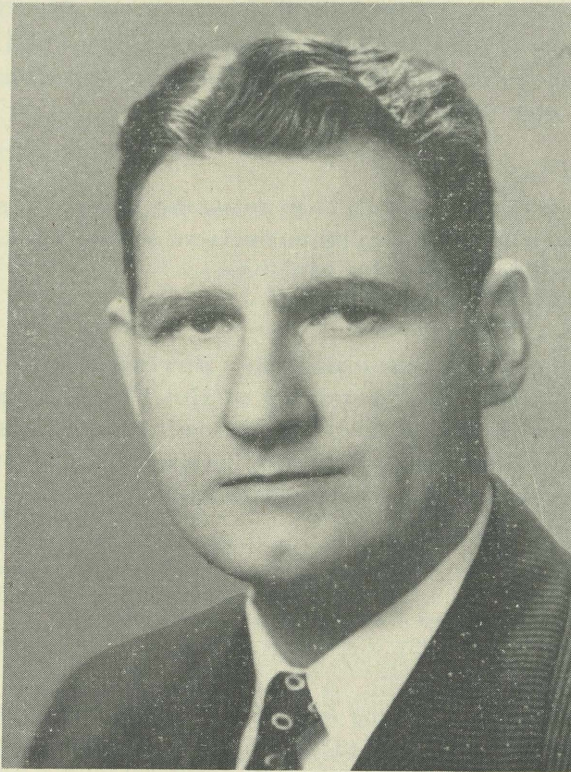
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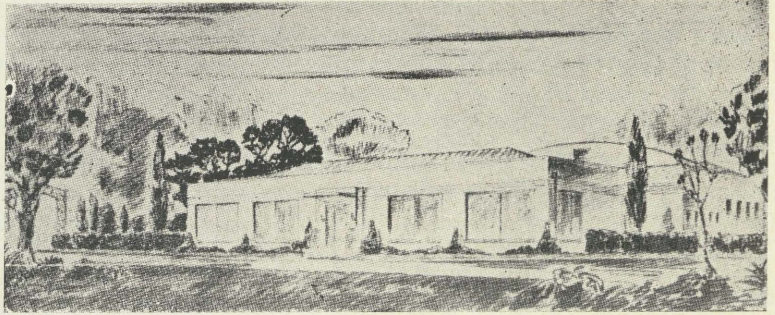
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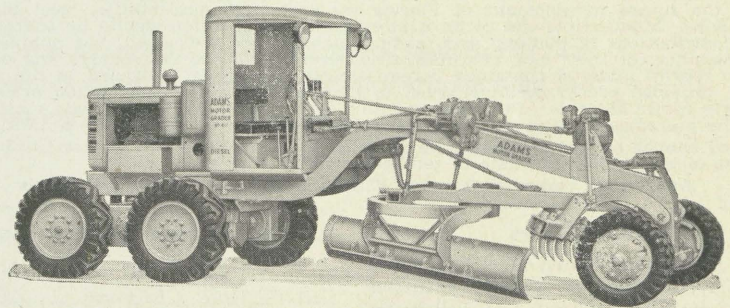
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# EDITORIALS

## NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES OVER STATE BUSINESS

**S**ELDOM IF EVER before in the history of Florida has a change in administrations been made in a spirit of such harmony and cooperation.

Editorial writers, from the western panhandle to the southern tip of the peninsula, have commented on the friendly and helpful attitude of the retiring governor and the incoming governor as the preparations were made for the change. Such comment has often been coupled with the remark that there will be continued, during the next four years, the businesslike, sound government of the last four years.

Accurate as these comments are, they may lead some readers, unfamiliar with the personalities they deal with, to an inaccurate conclusion. The administration of Governor Millard F. Caldwell is and will be a new administration. It is not and will not be a continuation of the former administration. Analysis of the events which form the background of the present change in administrations will demonstrate the truth of that conclusion.

In the recent history of Florida no attempt by an administration to perpetuate itself in office has been successful. In most primary campaigns prior to that of 1944, the charge has been made, with or without justification, that the incumbent governor was attempting to name his successor with the inference that he hoped to be able to retain his appointees in authority and to prolong his policies for an additional four years. This charge, when made with color of authenticity, has militated against the cause of the candidate who was assumed to be carrying the banner of the incumbent. The conclusion is inescapable that Florida citizens do want a change when a new administration takes over—that they do not favor the perpetuation, during a new term, of the precise policies followed under the old.

When candidates announced a year ago members of the present administration felt free to take different sides. There was clearly no pressure to unite them behind a single candidate as would have been the case had the administration hoped or expected to perpetuate itself. As a result of the clear position of the administration, the usual charge was not made during the primaries this year. Some individuals, prominent in the outgoing administration, were strong supporters of the candidacy of the new governor from the first. Others were not. On the other hand, several political leaders who were never identified with the outgoing administration were active from the first in the campaign of the new governor.

The most compelling reason, however, for concluding that this will be a new and different administration, is comparison of the personalities of the retiring and the incoming governors. They are not alike. They differ in personality. They approach

problems and handle issues differently. They do not always reach the same conclusions.

They are, of course, alike in some respects. Both are successful attorneys. Both enjoy hunting and fishing. Both are sincerely interested in the future welfare of Florida. Both are honorable and straightforward. Nevertheless, the differences are pronounced.

The reader may understand more clearly the point being made if he will consider the differences in temperament between the two leading attorneys in his home community. Either might win a case for him but neither would present the case in precisely the same way as the other. To illustrate the point in another way, consider the differences in temperament and personality between the presidents who are usually referred to as our Nation's greatest: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This, then, will be a new and different administration with many new and different features. It would be, however, inaccurate to conclude that it will differ from the former administration on all points and in all respects.

Some of the persons who were active in the former administration will actively continue their interest in and support of the new governor.

Some of the policies of the former administration may be continued. None will be rejected for no better reason than that they were inherited. None, on the other hand, will be continued solely for the same reason. There is an absence here both of the petty jealousy which has sometimes prompted a new public official to sweep out all that he found when he took office and of the subservience to partisan pressure which has, in other States, prompted a new public official to carry on untouched with what was handed to him.

Millard F. Caldwell is individualistic. He will make up his own mind, accepting what he finds to be sound, changing what he believes can be improved, covering what he finds to have been neglected—deciding each question on its merits as he examines it in the light of his own methods.

This means that there will be changes—changes in persons and policies. It does not mean, necessarily, that the changes will be abrupt or radical. On the contrary, the signs indicate that the changes in policy will be methodical and well-calculated. Changes in personnel are, of course, being made at the statutory end of the old terms, as provided for under legislation sponsored by the retiring governor in order to make this transition smooth for the new administration.

It is too early to forecast any of the changes of method and policy that may develop during this administration. Many of them will be apparent before the end of the 1945 ses- (Continued on page 59)





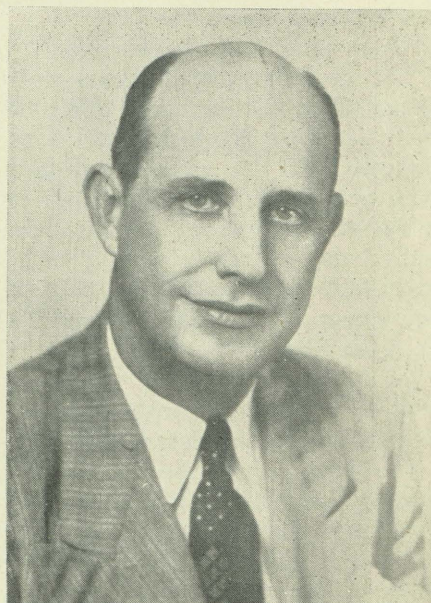
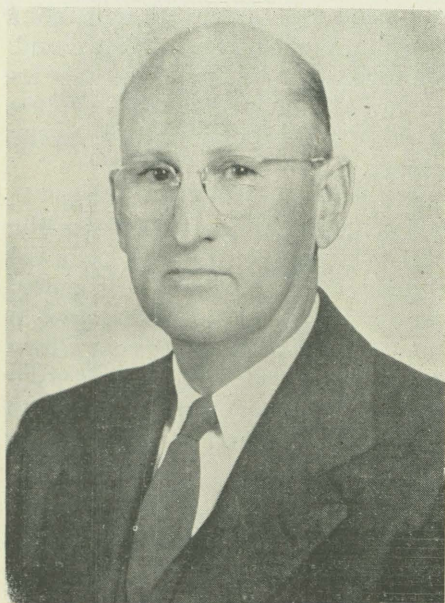
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# The Governor Looks Ahead . . .

**G**OVERNOR MILLARD F. Caldwell sees ahead of him four years packed with problems that must be faced and jobs that must be done.

He finds the treasury in good condition, with all bills paid and a safe margin of funds on hand. He does not find, except to the credit of the State Road Department, any large surplus that can be used to help solve the problem of finding jobs for veterans when the war ends. He does find in the unemployment compensation account at Washington about fifty million dollars available for payments to the jobless during the transition from war to peacetime economy. There is a small amount available in the general revenue fund, above the margin of a safe working capital, which may be used after the war for construction of new buildings at the State institutions and a new capitol wing. The State Road Department's fourteen million dollar surplus will provide the best means of making jobs while getting the highway system extended.

There is no bottomless barrel of money—no money not earmarked for specific purposes—in the State treasury. Funds must be found if the State's services are to be increased in any field. Of the \$90,000,000 or more in all State funds, trust accounts and reserves, more than half is in Washington in trust for the unemployed and much of the remainder is set aside for schools, for old age pensions, for county road bonds and for other specified purposes.

Governor Caldwell's administration faces, at the start, obvious need for the enlargement of certain of the State services or contributions to various functions. There are well organized movements underway to increase State aid to schools, to enlarge State activities in agricultural research and service, to obtain State aid to municipalities, to establish a State advertising fund, to set up fresh water control.

Governor Caldwell sees the need for expansion of State service and increase of State aid in certain fields. He favors, for example, more support of the public schools and establishment of a State advertising fund. In connection with all such increases in State expenditures, Governor Caldwell has in mind the problem of raising additional revenues without unduly burdening the taxpayer and the problem of preserving the independence of local units of government which is always menaced when a larger unit contributes to a smaller.

The governor believes strongly in local self-government. He is convinced that the trend toward centralization of power away from the cities and counties to the State government and away from the States to the national government has already progressed too far and should be curbed.

"This government," he has often said, "belongs to the people and they ought to run it." He knows that the people can run their government only as long as it remains close to them, under their direct supervision and within their reach. Government centered at far distant places, in the hands of officials they have never seen and subject to the sway of pressure groups, is not the kind of government he thinks can be close to the people and responsive to their will.

This point is in Governor Caldwell's mind as he ponders such requests as that of the municipalities for State aid. Aware of the serious financial problems of some of the municipalities, the governor seeks to find some solution that will not endanger the independence from State control which Florida cities and towns enjoy. Since, as he says, control always follows the dollar, he sees a real danger that financial aid to the municipalities would inevitably lead to State control over local affairs. Too, there is not enough money in sight to go around.

In his approach to this problem and to all others, Governor Cald-

well seeks to apply sound principles of good business. It is his belief that the State should be operated like any other business and that hard-headed common sense should be brought to bear on each question presented.

He does not expect to work any miracles or even to achieve near perfection in the solution of all the problems that may be presented in the next four years. He does expect to put first things first—to concentrate on the most pressing needs, to get done first the things that most need doing. By hammering away hard at the bigger and more vital problems and by giving secondary attention to the issues of lesser importance, he expects to get real results.

Neither does Governor Caldwell expect to try to carry the whole load. He has constantly reminded citizens of Florida in his speeches both during and since the primary that the task of operating the State belongs to the people.

"This is your job—not mine," he said frequently. It is his belief that each group representing a particular line of activity should get together and put forward its own program. He has asked the school leaders and citizens deeply interested in schools to have a school program ready; the commercial fishermen, various agricultural interests and those engaged in various business enterprises, to settle on sound practicable plans. By this he does not mean a selfish plan designed to favor one group at the expense of another—but a broad public-spirited plan designed to meet the special needs of the group and to benefit the entire State.

"When you have such a plan ready," he has said. "Bring it to me and I will help you put it across."

What the governor means is that he has no intention of writing a program for the development of any industry or group but that he will support and back up any sound, public-spirited program agreed to by those engaged in any



proper activity; that he will recommend to the Florida legislature needed legislation and that he will put the weight of his office and administration behind such a program in Washington or elsewhere if the subject matter is before congress or a Federal agency.

In the selection of State officials appointed by the governor he is applying the same rules. Governor Caldwell has said that he wants around him, working with him to maintain sound government in Florida and to foster beneficial enterprises, men of ability, character and public spirit—men who are looking not for jobs but for opportunities to serve, men who are attracted not so much by the relatively small salaries paid by the State as by the chance to participate in building for the future of the State. He has called to such service many who obviously had to make sacrifices in order to accept the duties imposed upon them.

The color of patronage in the usual sense has thus been absent as the governor made his selections for key positions in the State government. He has, of course, chosen men in whom he had confidence and with whom he felt a kinship in attitude and approach to affairs of State. Such men, looking at political questions from the same point of view, saw eye to eye with the man who is now governor and worked earnestly and unselfishly for his election. They are, therefore, friends and supporters but not fair-weather friends nor selfish supporters seek-

ing personal gain as the price of political favor. His clear intention has been to select men who did not want the jobs for selfish reasons but who agreed to accept responsibility as a civic duty and to help the new governor because they have faith in him and earnestly desire to participate in the accomplishment of his worthy objectives.

Governor Caldwell, too, has sought the aid of the general public as individual citizens and as represented by their various organizations. It is his desire that this administration be kept just as close to the people of the whole State as it can be held. To this end he has talked frankly to many audiences from one end of the State to the other, telling the people present, and others through the press, what is in his mind, how he sees the problems facing the State and what he suggests be done to build for the future. He has talked freely in taking the people into his confidence, but he has listened more, in order to learn what the people, in all walks of life and in all parts of Florida, are thinking about and what they believe should be done.

Since the primaries and the general election, he has said just what he said while he was a candidate for the office. There has been no change in either subject matter or approach.

Then as now, he has called attention to the needs of the schools, of agriculture, of industry and trade.

The picture he paints is un-

changed. It is of a State with tremendous resources and advantages and with enormous potentialities. It is his desire to help Floridians in all occupations to take full advantage of their opportunities, individually and collectively. Ahead of us he sees problems that must be faced and solved in such ways as to increase our wealth, our welfare, our security. First of the problems he has outlined, is that of helping to bring the war to an early and decisive conclusion. After that the problems are tied in with the necessity of making sound readjustments during the transition from wartime to peacetime operations.

When peace comes, Governor Caldwell wants the State to be ready—with plans drawn and facilities available to fit veterans and released war workers into regular employment.

The surplus of the road department, which will give the State better highways while making many jobs, and the reserve of the unemployment compensation fund, he regards as stopgaps, insufficient to do more than help cushion the shock.

The big end of the problem, as the governor sees it, is to increase the prosperity of the people of the entire State—to build up our industries, our agriculture, our tourist trade.

"Only prosperous businesses can employ more workers," he has said often and he still says.

To increase the flow of wealth through the channels of trade,

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GOVERNOR AND AIDES: Left to right—John Kilgore, John T. Wigginton, Executive Secretary; Governor Millard F. Caldwell; Ed Straughn and R. L. Shipp, Assistant Executive Secretaries.

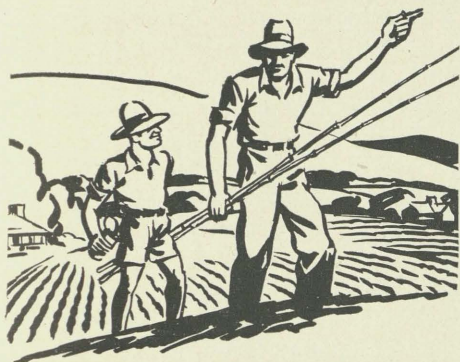




# He Couldn't Throw A Curve . . .

**M**ILLARD FILLMORE Caldwell, Jr., was born February 6, 1897 at the rural home of his parents at Beverly near Knoxville, Tenn. His father, Millard F. Caldwell, Sr., and his mother, Martha Jane Clapp Caldwell, were both natives of Tennessee.

The elder Caldwell was a successful lawyer and preferred to live in the country. Like his son he enjoyed outdoor life, growing things and hunting and fishing.



Young Millard grew up in that rural environment. His father taught him to fish and every summer the family camped by a Tennessee stream and father and sons angled with live bait, worms and such artificial lures as were then available. There were three boys and three girls in the family.

The father was a scholar with special interest in the use of words. No purist, he held that as long as the speaker knew the dictionary pronunciation of a word he could say it any way that pleased him—that is to say, he upheld purposeful individuality but not ignorance. He was more precise, however, in the use of words and he frequently questioned his sons on the exact shade of meaning in their choice of language.

Mr. Caldwell published at Knoxville a magazine, "Life and Letters," devoted to literature and music and also wrote books under the pen name George Howard Thorndyke.

The Caldwell boys did not feel the restraint of a stern disciplinarian. On the contrary, their father seldom if ever issued a di-

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rect order or imposed a flat prohibition. His method was to discuss the point at issue with his sons, suggesting that they consider carefully all sides of the question. "I doubt," he would sometimes say, "that when you have carefully thought about it, you will want to go ahead with your plan."

In the course of time, young Millard reached school age and was enrolled in a three-room school about a mile away. He walked.

The father had wide and far scattered interests. The family moved from Tennessee and lived for varying lengths of time in other sections of the country. There was one winter on the Mexican border, two or three years in Arkansas and three years on a California ranch.

In Arkansas young Millard spent much time in the woods, hunting and fishing. On the California ranch he was in the saddle much of the time, drove the cattle and branded calves. He hunted for ducks and geese and went fishing. And, of course, he went to school.

Eventually the Caldwell family moved east and lived in Virginia on the old "Oakley Farm" in Gloucester County which was owned by the senior Caldwell. This was the old Fauntleroy place, where Frances Hodgson Burnett wrote "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Millard went to school at Saluda in Middlesex County. On his way there he passed through "Woodville," the farm home of the Harwood family where lived Mary Rebecca Harwood, now Mrs. Millard Caldwell. Between the two places flowed the Piankitank River.

Millard was about 12 years of age when the family moved to Vir-

ginia. His life had been exceedingly active but free of unusual sensation. He had grown up with his brothers and sisters and the children of the neighbors. He had had close association with horses and dogs. He had fallen overboard while fishing, had been thrown by horses and he had survived unscathed an exciting few minutes when he hitched a wild cow pony to a shaftless buggy frame. His



earliest days were closely tied in with two Walker hounds, Raymond and Jack, which often proved their mettle hunting wildcats and coons, his father's fox hounds and two collies, Censor and Goldie. Censor died early but Goldie went with the family on many of its long trips.

After three years in Virginia, the Caldwell family moved again—this time to Louisiana where Mr.



Caldwell owned the Monticello plantation in Tensas Parish. In Virginia Millard engaged in the native sport of fox hunting but in Louisiana he hunted mostly quail



and ducks. In the course of these moves young Millard made several transcontinental trips alone between the ages of 10 and 15 years.

When he had acquired enough age and knowledge he entered Carson-Newman College. There and at the University of Mississippi, to which he transferred, he played baseball, football, tennis, and basketball and was a member of the track team, continuing an athletic career begun in high school. In California Millard played soccer football and recalls a memorable game in which he played for Woodland high school against Sacramento—until the end of the half when the game broke up in a fight that sent 17 players and spectators to the hospital.

During his college athletic career there was another such fight—this one breaking out at the football field at the end of a game between Carson-Newman College and Maryville. The fight continued to the gymnasium and, from there to the train, where Maryville partisans broke out all the windows of the cars.

In football Millard was right tackle. In baseball he was a pitcher, depending on speed and a change of pace since he could not throw a good curve. He is a right-hander.

After his service in the Army, Millard Caldwell again engaged in athletics as a law student at the University of Virginia.

Sandwiched between his student days at Mississippi and Virginia was Millard Caldwell's hitch in the Army. While a student at Missis-

trying to persuade him to wait for the establishment of an officers' training camp on the campus. But



Millard had decided that he wanted to get into the Army.

He enlisted at Jefferson Barracks where he was given the choice of playing baseball or doing kitchen police. He chose baseball but did not escape kitchen police duty during his enlistment. Anxious to go overseas, he tried to join an outfit at Fort Myers but was persuaded to wait and when he reached there the outfit had gone. From there he was sent to Officers' Training Camp, through Washington Barracks in the District of Columbia, to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, where he received his commission as second lieutenant in Field Artillery. He was assigned to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., as a replacement officer for overseas duty and was in command of a battery when the Armistice was signed. On his honorable discharge he entered the University of Virginia to study law.

After the University of Virginia he went to his father's Mississippi plantation where he remained for two or three years engaged in cotton planting and hunting until his interest in farming possibilities sagged because "the price of cotton went down and taxes went up."

In the fall of 1924 young lawyer Caldwell moved to Milton, Fla., and began the practice of law as a partner of the late Senator W. W. Clark. On one of his regular summer trips to Virginia he married his childhood sweetheart, Sarah Rebecca Harwood in 1925 and brought his bride to Milton to share his struggles in getting established in the legal profession.

It may have been young lawyer Caldwell who is reported to have told a friend that business was looking up, that he had "one \$10 case, two \$5 cases and several small ones." At any rate he was glad to get the small retainers paid by local units of government and became city attorney for Milton, attorney for the school board and the board of county commissioners of Santa Rosa County. These assignments paid off less in money than in experience and they gave the future governor a sound knowledge of city and county problems and affairs.

In 1928 he announced as a candidate for the State legislature, was elected and served in the memorable regular and special session of 1929. He was reelected to the "Hundred Days" session of 1931 where the controversial gasoline tax question was written into the statutes. The youthful legislator made his presence felt in legislative sessions and he soon became recognized as a forceful leader with an exceptional knowledge of parliamentary law and skill on the floor and in caucuses.

The "Gentleman from Santa Rosa" then wore a long-stemmed pipe which he tilted at an angle when he unwound his lanky legs



and rose to his full 6 feet, 3 inches to raise a "point of order." Then, as now, he was razor keen and brief. In a few well directed and carefully timed thrusts he drove his points home. Thus he became a power in a house of representatives packed as it has never been since with members of exceptional ability and prestige.

After two sessions in the Florida legislature, Millard Caldwell had had enough of that and he lacked

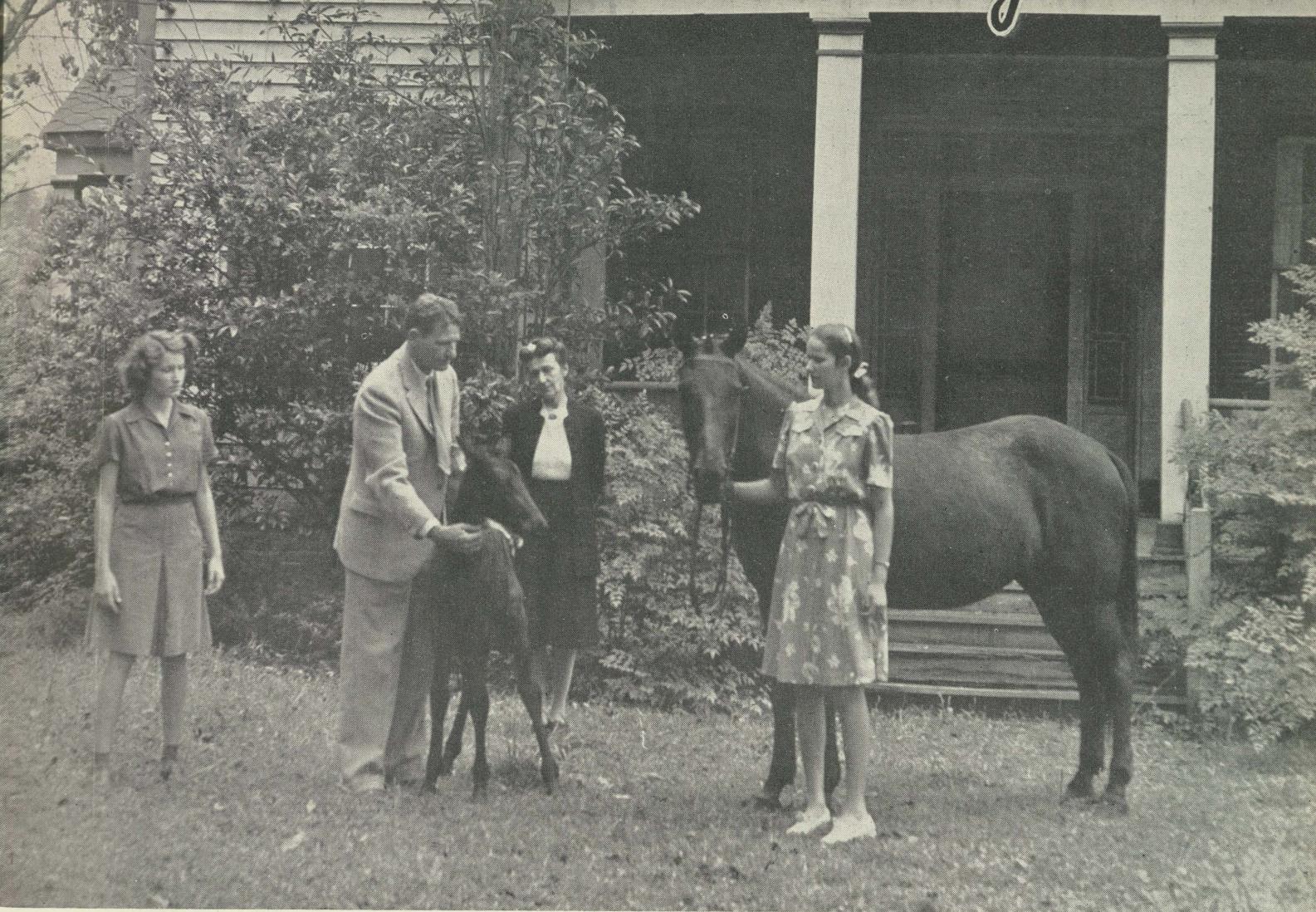
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issippi, he decided to quit and volunteer. The chancellor came to the early morning train and rode with him part of the way to Memphis,



# Florida's First Family...



**A**LTHOUGH THEY probably will not do much talking about their devotion to each other during the next four years, Florida's first family, Governor and Mrs. Millard Caldwell and their two daughters, Sally and Susan, believe in each other and are closely united as a family group. Each is proud of the other although they do not make much fuss about it.

The Caldwells are definitely worth knowing, both as individuals and as a closely knit family unit.

Most Floridians know that Millard Caldwell was born 47 years ago on a farm near Knoxville, Tennessee, that he has brown hair, stands six feet, three inches tall and is handsome in a rugged rather than a conventional way.

They also know that he is a farmer at heart, a lawyer by profession and a tested statesman, having served as congressman from

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the Third Florida District from 1933 until he voluntarily retired in 1941.

But his likes and dislikes, the caliber of man he really is can

Governor and Mrs. Caldwell in the yard at their country home, Harwood, near Tallahassee.



only be told by his family. For instance, his wife and daughters agree that Millard Caldwell's outstanding characteristic is loyalty. They say that he is an orderly sort of person and that brevity is almost a fetish with him. He likes music and is a prolific reader.

Sharing a cup of coffee with Florida's attractive first lady and her two teen-age daughters, one learns a lot about Florida's new governor and about his family, too. Mrs. Caldwell and her daughters do not volunteer information about themselves, however, because they are definitely individualists and one gains the impression that they do not make a habit of talking about each other.

"I should certainly say that Millard's outstanding characteristic is loyalty," Mrs. Caldwell, a tall and gracefully slender brunette, replied after pondering the question. "For instance, he still has the



same associates that he had in 1932 when he ran for congress, the same men who then helped him win by a large majority even though he campaigned on a shoestring without incurring political obligations.

"Perhaps the best description of Millard," she added, "was given by a close friend who once said that Millard is a perfectionist. He likes things done along logical lines with no waste of energy, either mental or physical. As long as things run smoothly toward a definite end, he says nothing, neither commends nor criticizes, but if things are not running smoothly, not measuring up to what he think is best, he doesn't hesitate to let it be known."

Florida's first lady, the former

Mary Rebecca Harwood, a native of Saluda in Middlesex County, Virginia, is gracious and charming, with a great deal of poise. She has a beautiful speaking voice and almost perfect diction. She parts her dark hair in the center and softly rolls it away from her face. She does not use much make-up.

Although essentially a homemaker, she takes part in civic affairs and is active in the Tallahassee Woman's Club. She was a school teacher before her marriage to Millard Caldwell on St. Valentine's day in 1925, and was the first woman county school superintendent in the State of Virginia. She also served as Santa Rosa County home demonstration agent for more than a year after

she and her husband first came to Florida.

Millard Caldwell, she explained, took his oath of office in congress the same year that Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as president of the United States, and they saw something of the president and his wife during their eight years in Washington.

Although the Caldwell girls pleasantly recollect their stay in Washington, particularly seeing the King and Queen of England from "Daddy's window," they are "thrilled" at living in Florida's executive mansion in Tallahassee. "We love it here!" they both agreed.

Sixteen-year-old Sally Perkins Caldwell, a brunette, is tall and

Governor and Mrs. Caldwell and daughters, Sally and Susan, in the living room at Harwood.







FLORIDA'S FIRST LADY: Mrs. Millard Fillmore Caldwell.





The informal photographs on this page were taken of Governor and Mrs. Caldwell, and daughters, Sally and Susan, under the trees in the spacious yard at Harwood.

slender like her parents. She is a sophomore at Leon high school in Tallahassee and has already had quite a political career of her own. Last year she ran for vice president of the student body at Leon high but was defeated by Billy Graham. When young Graham changed schools, she ran again and was elected.

"It's a lot of fun to run for office!" she exclaimed. Her dark eyes become animated when she

talks of something in which she is particularly interested. "Douglas Malsberger was my campaign manager and we had some wonderful campaign meetings!"

When asked if it was harder for a girl to be elected to high school office than a boy she quickly replied: "Oh, yes. The girls don't want a girl and the boys don't want a girl. But it's fun just the same."

Fourteen-year-old Susan Beverly Caldwell looks more like her father than Sally. She has hair on the auburn side and is also slender and tall for her age. She is in the 10th grade at Leon high school. Susan is far more of a "homebody" than Sally for she makes many of her own clothes and is a good cook. Both of the Caldwell girls are good horsewomen and like the outdoors.

"Daddy hates long letters," Sally finally volunteered when asked about her father. "If his letters run more than a page and he hasn't room to sign his name at the bottom, he says they're too long."

"He's brief and to the point in everything he does," Mrs. Caldwell explained. "His friends say that his brevity worried them in the days when he was a young lawyer. In presenting his court arguments, they feared he was sometimes too brief to get his points over to the

jury in the short time he allowed himself."

The governor, according to his family, likes music although he does not play a musical instrument. He has quite a large library of records which he enjoys listening to when he has the time. He enjoys the radio, according to Mrs. Caldwell but commercial announcements during musical programs irritate him.

"Perhaps it's because he basically hates commotion," she added.

The governor is a prolific reader, according to his family, enjoying detective books and good novels. He also reads many journals and newspapers.

"But he doesn't like slang," said Mrs. Caldwell and Sally quickly agreed. "Perhaps it's because he feels that the English language ought not to be corrupted."

The governor likes all out-of-doors activities. He was an athlete in college and won recognition in football, baseball, basketball and track. He is good at tennis, according to Mrs. Caldwell and played occasional baseball during their years in Washington. He is an excellent horseman and Mrs. Caldwell said he did some fishing when the opportunity presented itself.

"He has a good sense of humor," said Sally, "but he hates to admit it."

Harwood plantation, given Mrs.

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# Inauguration Program

## 10:0 A. M.

Official and Military Escort leaves Capitol to accompany Governor Spessard L. Holland and Governor-elect Millard F. Caldwell and families to Capitol.

State and Federal Officials begin arriving at the Capitol and occupy seats reserved for them on Inaugural Platform.

## 11:00 A. M.

Governor and Mrs. Spessard L. Holland, and Governor-elect and Mrs. Millard F. Caldwell, accompanied by their families and Military and Official Escort, arrive at Capitol and are joined in the rotunda by Cabinet Officers and Justices of the Supreme Court of Florida, the entire party proceeding to the Inaugural Platform.

## INAUGURAL CEREMONIES AT THE CAPITOL

Hon. R. A. Gray, Chairman  
Invocation—Reverend Jeffrey Alfriend  
Address—Governor Spessard L. Holland

## 12:00 Noon

Administration of the Oath of Office to Governor-elect Millard F. Caldwell by Honorable Rivers Buford, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida.

## Governor's Salute of 17 Guns

Delivery of Great Seal of the State to Governor Spessard L. Holland by Honorable R. A. Gray, Secretary of State.

Delivery of Great Seal of the State by Governor Spessard L. Holland to Governor Millard F. Caldwell.

Song—"America"

Inaugural Address by Governor Millard F. Caldwell.

Song—"God Bless America"

## 12:45 P. M.

Governor Caldwell, and members of his family, accompanied by the Military and Official Escort, Members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court and other Officials, proceed to their automobiles and go to their places on the Reviewing Stand.

## 12:45 TO 2:00 P. M.

Review of Inaugural Parade by Governor Caldwell and his Escort.

## 2:00 P. M.

Exhibition of Miami Drum and Bugle Corps, Harvey Seeds Post, American Legion, Miami, Florida. Monroe Street.

## 3:00 TO 5:00 P. M.

Open House at the Executive Mansion (Informal).

## 8:00 TO 10:00 P. M.

Reception by Governor and Mrs. Caldwell at the Capitol assisted by Members of the Cabinet and the Justices of the Supreme Court (enter East Entrance, exit West Entrance).

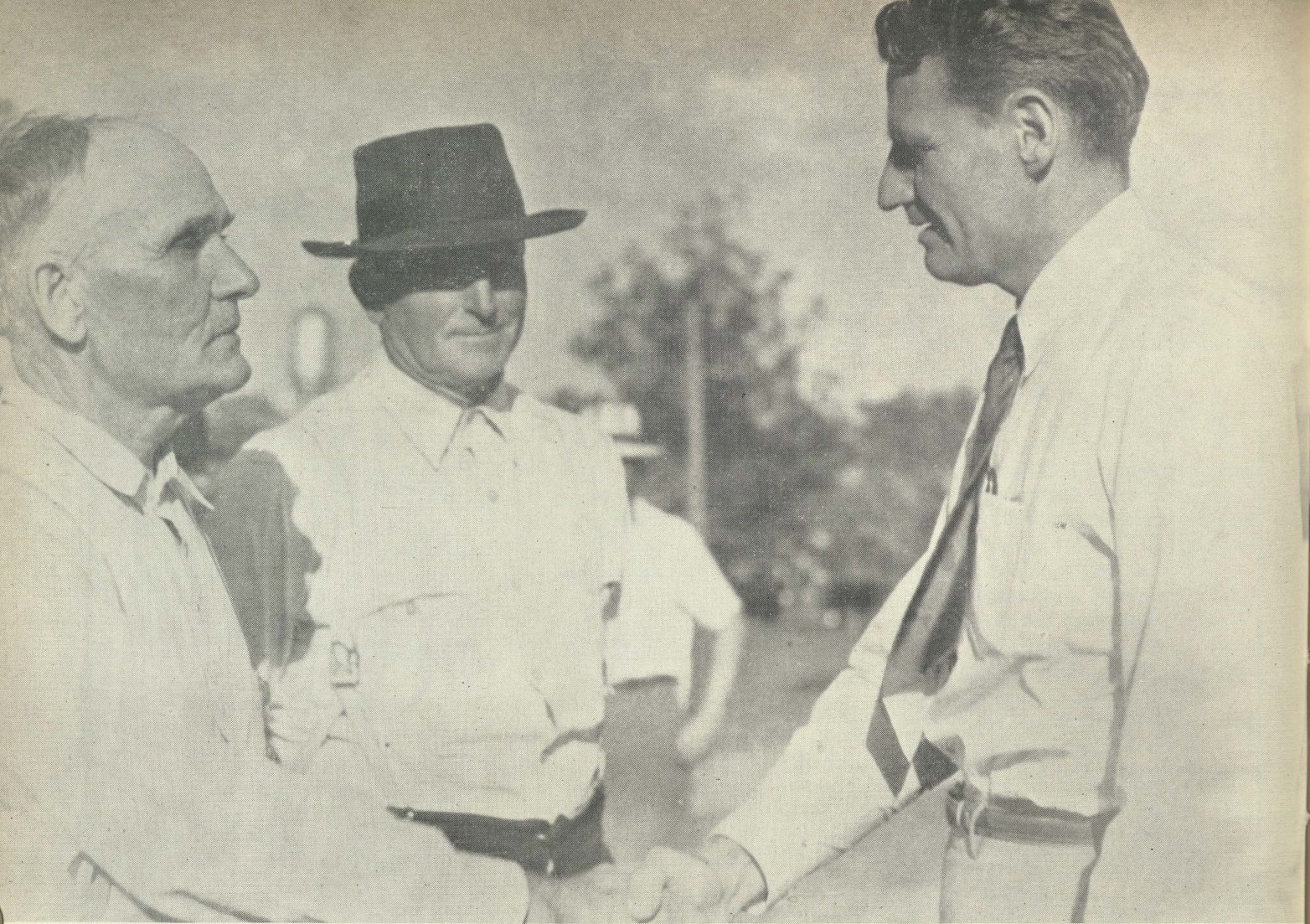
## 11:00 P. M.

Inaugural Ball in the Gymnasium of the Florida State College for Women, Governor and Mrs. Caldwell leading the Grand March.

Inaugural Ball in the Dining Room of the Florida State College for Women, Governor and Mrs. Caldwell leading the Grand March.

A State-wide radio network arranged by Florida Association of Broadcasters will carry all features of the Inaugural ceremonies.







# Caldwell The Campaigner . . .

MILLARD F. CALDWELL'S campaigns for public office have been rather phenomenal. For a man who has never had any burning political ambitions and who never acts or looks like a politician, the results of his campaigning have been no less than sensational.

The new governor of Florida has made seven campaigns for office—two for the State legislature, four for congress and one for governor. He won them all.

His methods have been, from the first, unusual. The standard pattern calls for an organization built around well-established political leaders and groups. Millard Caldwell has consistently bypassed the recognized political "powers" and has gone into each county and usually into each precinct to find substantial citizens interested in sound government but not interested in political favoritism and horse swapping.

The usual method of campaigning is to put on a demonstration of warmth and companionship with everyone in sight. Millard Caldwell made a direct straightforward approach. He never "drooled" over anyone. He never argued with anyone who told him he was for another candidate. He did not waste time in "mutual admiration" meetings with his supporters in smoke-filled hotel rooms.

His approach to voters with whom he was not acquainted was so unexpected that he seldom left them free of astonishment. That surprise usually changed into the attitude: "You know, I like that fellow."

It was his lack of pretense, sham and affectation that caught and held the interest and eventually the support of so many thousands of voters who had never seen him until he got into the race for the governorship.

He followed the same policy in his campaign speeches as in his personal contacts. He stood up straight and talked straight to the people. His talks were free of bombast, showmanship, flattery,

oratorical pyrotechnics — full of common sense, simplicity and directness. His gestures were simple, forceful punctuation marks.

Candidate Caldwell directed his appeal to the average man and woman—the Florida citizen who thinks straight and who is interested in worthwhile things. He talks the language of the great body of the people and they understand him and feel confidence in him.

He has never made a political promise—to an individual or to a group. This was perhaps the most novel feature of his first campaign and one that has stamped with individuality every campaign he has made since. His explanation is simple and gives an excellent clue to the way his mind works:

"I did not know what I would be able to accomplish in congress," he has said of his first congressional campaign, "so I made no promises. I found that the people understood and approved that policy and so, even after I had formed a better idea of what I could do, I decided that it was fairer both to the citizens and to myself to avoid commitments that I might not be able to fulfill."

To Millard Caldwell a promise

is something that must be kept, not bait for votes. The people generally look at it that way, too, and the idea took hold and gained for him wider confidence.

The other chief secret of the success of Millard Caldwell's campaigns is speed. He covers a lot of ground as any candidate who has opposed him ruefully admits. Trying to keep up with his pace has worn out more than one opponent.

In the early stages of his campaigns, Millard Caldwell traveled constantly, finding people who look at politics as he does, gaining their interest, arousing their enthusiasm. In this way he established a nucleus of enthusiastic supporters in every county and in nearly every precinct. His campaign spread out among the people—the farmers, fishermen, business and professional men, housewives, school teachers. When he came back to each community he checked this progress, made new contacts, stimulated his supporters to greater effort.

During the last weeks of the campaign he hit a terrific pace. In his first campaign for congress he made 140 speeches in 30 days. In his campaign for the governorship

Millard Caldwell is shown here and on facing page in typical campaign scenes.





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he spoke as many as 12 times in a single day. Sometimes his daily itinerary covered 250 miles. This speed was accomplished by split-second timing and close coordination, with his car ready to move and his sound truck already on the way to the next stop as soon as he finished speaking. His own faculty for packing his material into a brief speech and for greeting voters personally and then breaking away quickly but without the appearance of haste made such schedules possible.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Millard Caldwell is that, in all phases of campaigning, he remains unchanged from his normal everyday personality and habits. Whether he is campaigning, handling legal business or serving as a public official, he hits out straight from the shoulder. Caldwell, the campaigner, Caldwell the attorney and Caldwell the governor are one man; he has no dual personality. Uniform and consistent he is always simple and direct, he always works or fights hard, he always gets things done in a hurry and he is always convincing.

It has also been remarkable that Millard Caldwell's attitude towards his campaigns has been impersonal and detached—based on the conviction that he was in the race primarily to help the cause of sound government, in which every other citizen was or should be as deeply interested as he. For this reason he treated his supporters as co-workers—partners in a joint enterprise. As surprising as it may be, his supporters accepted the status, did not expect high praise and warm gratitude as though they were doing him a personal favor. His attitude was based on the fact that he was simply carrying the ball for the team battling for the future soundness of the State and that attitude was generally adopted by his loyal followers. It was always "we," never "I" in his campaigns.

Only through understanding this background can it be explained that supporters of Millard Caldwell worked night and day, spending their own money for expenses, neglecting their own interests—without expectation or thought of

reward. Many took the leadership in his campaigns who had never before been active politically. Around a farmer in this county, an insurance agent in that, a dentist in another, a fisherman in a coastal community, centered the organized effort to put Millard Caldwell into office. What such supporters often lacked in political experience they more than made up in enthusiasm and zeal. They believed in their man, they looked upon themselves as his associates in an effort of mutual interest and concern, and they went to work as few if any members of a campaign team have worked in a Florida political campaign.

The spirit of the thing fired hundreds of thousands of the solid men and women in the country places and in the cities, each feeling a direct personal interest in the outcome of the race.

At the end of each primary campaign letters poured in from every county in the State. Some were dictated and typed on handsome letterheads but many of the most interesting and significant were written on ruled tablet paper with pencils. In the simply worded, sometimes ungrammatical, notes from these real people, the true story of Millard Caldwell's success in campaigns is revealed. All of these letters and notes have been answered and all of them have been carefully saved. In them men and women with work-hardened hands laboriously but graphically spelled out the expressions of their joy at the victory, their pride in the man they had worked not so much for as with.

"Aunt Martha sat up until 2 a. m. to get the returns over the radio. We were all so proud, words can't tell . . ." wrote one rural woman.

"I could not get out like I wished to but I went to One who never fails. I feel that He won for you in answer to prayers . . ." wrote an aged retired minister.

Letters like these by the hundreds were on Millard Caldwell's desk before the votes had been counted. They tell the story—a story that has not been told in any other form.

It was this that deceived the skilled political observers who dis-

counted Millard Caldwell because he put on no show for the entertainment of the people, because he chilled the political hacks and camp followers, because he did not adopt a special facial expression, a special manner and dress and ride in a specially prepared dilapidated jalopy, because he made no promises, because he did not angle with the traditional vote bait, because he was just the same lanky lawyer when he was running for office as he had been before. These wiseacres thought he did not have the ability to reach the people.

And, were they wrong!

### UNPALATABLE BUT SOUND

Governor-elect Caldwell enunciated a principle of government to the Florida League of Municipalities that was a bitter pill but sound in concept and application.

Caldwell told the league that State financing would mean control of municipalities and that he strongly opposed a move to take the responsibility for city finances away from the municipalities.

From his long experience as a legislator and congressman, Caldwell knows that the political unit supplying the money eventually runs the show. The States have found that out to their sorrow, losing many of their rights to Washington because they ran to the national treasury when they wanted funds for projects.

Caldwell did not evade the fact that the State is in the best financial condition in its history. But he wisely noted that it is "not a bottomless barrel of funds," that it would be inexcusable to go on a "spending spree" when money is now needed to meet the challenge of better roads, schools, health utilities and aviation in the post-war era. In other words, the State has plenty of places to spend its money and it's up to the cities to raise their own finances.

The municipalities, nevertheless, need money badly. Homestead exemption and other causes have depleted revenues while demands for services have increased. Perhaps the answer to the lack of funds is a merger of municipalities where location and interests are identical.—Miami Herald.



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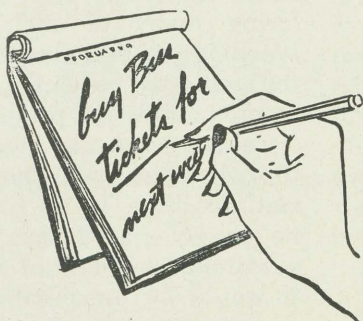
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## Governor-elect Enunciates Sound Fiscal Policy

**T**HE THOROUGHLY sound reasoning of Governor-elect Millard F. Caldwell concerning fiscal affairs inspires confidence among Floridians that the State's business will be well handled during his four years in office.

In his address before members of the Florida League of Municipalities in Jacksonville Friday, Mr. Caldwell reiterated what he has repeatedly said in all sections of the State, during his recent travels to better acquaint himself with needs of the various communities and the State as a whole. That is, municipalities should remember, in requesting financial aid from the State, that "it is fundamental that control follows money," and that those receiving aid might be in danger of losing "their usual freedom from State interference."

Mr. Caldwell is not a novice in such matters. He has had experience in Florida as well as in the congress of the United States. He knows quite well, as all observing citizens know, that if the State-aid or Federal-aid camel ever gets his nose under the tent it is only a matter of time before he will go all the way, and perhaps take complete control.

This alone should be sufficient warning to governmental units on the lower levels against seeking assistance from those on the higher levels. Nevertheless, it is a warning that is continually ignored. Even while Governor-elect Caldwell speaks against the practice in Florida, educational forces are trying to stir up interest in a Federal program of more than one billion dollars annually to provide "adequate schooling" for American youth after the war.

Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, chairman of the Educational Policies Commission of the National Educational Association, recommends that Federal subsidies go not only to public schools and colleges but also to private institutions. His suggested plan is: the Federal government provide to the States \$100 for each student 16 years old in average daily attendance for a standard school year; \$125 for 17-year-olds; \$150 for those 18, \$175 for the 19-year-olds and \$200 for students 20.

The obvious result of such aid, once extended, would be dictation from Washington. The same is true of State aid. As Mr. Caldwell so plainly points out, "the agency that finances a function says how it is to be operated. Sooner or later—usually sooner—conditions are imposed which must be

met before the money can be obtained."

If this factor is given full and careful consideration, the huge surplus of funds now held by the State government becomes much less attractive to those who would like to have a liberal share to spend for local purposes.

Whatever the local attitude may be toward State aid, or Federal aid, however, the governor-elect takes the right position in stressing the fact that the \$90 million held by the State does not mean that there is a bottomless barrel from which money can be used for all purposes. It is reassuring to the citizens, too, when he makes it quite plain that it is his intention to see that designated funds shall be devoted to their intended purposes, and the remainder used for the best interests of the entire State.

He deserves the unqualified support of all citizens in all parts of the State in his determination to husband their resources to the best of his ability.—Florida Times-Union.

## Millard Caldwell Faces The Job Ahead Squarely

**I**N HIS TYPICAL, straightforward, "man-to-man" style of delivery, Governor-elect Millard Caldwell last night reiterated his plan to depend on the business leaders of Florida for advice, guidance and active assistance during his governorship.

Addressing the more than 400 guests at the annual banquet of the State Chamber of Commerce meeting, Mr. Caldwell urged his audience to organize a "fight to the death" against discriminatory freight rates which keep Florida and the South in economic servitude.

Freight rate discrimination is a decades-old problem, which has been fought most vigorously in recent years, particularly in the last year when nine Southern governors, including Governor Holland of Florida and Governor Arnall of Georgia, at their annual conference took new and positive action to force a conclusive decision out of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Because of their aggressiveness, there is promise that the long-awaited decision will be forthcoming shortly.

The fact that Governor-elect Caldwell placed so much emphasis on the freight rate problem in his talk is assurance that he intends to follow the policy of his predecessor and keep fighting to win a favorable decision for the South.

Not only did Mr. Caldwell lash out at freight discrimination, but also he

pointed to some forms of bureaucratic discrimination which have hurt Florida in recent years. He cited particularly the policies of the OPA in handling agricultural problems which permitted Northern growers to gauge their plantings but which were too late to be helpful to Florida because Florida crops were usually up and growing before decisions were obtained.

Judging by the thoughts expressed in his second address made in Tampa which measured up well with the speech he made the day after his election, Mr. Caldwell has a keen grasp of Florida's problems. It will be up to the people to help him solve them.—Tampa Daily Times.

## Water Control Marches On

**T**O US A MOST unusual and heartening spectacle was that of the governor and the governor-elect of Florida sitting around a table to discuss with civic and industrial leaders plans and proposals for the State's betterment.

This occurred Monday and Tuesday at Tampa at the convention of the Florida Chamber of Commerce and revealed to the delegates that Mr. Holland and Mr. Caldwell are conferring together and working together on State problems, so that progress will go steadily on without any break when one administration ends and the other begins.

This friendly and cooperative attitude was emphasized at the committee meeting of the Florida Farm Bureau at which the discussion of a State-wide program of water control was participated in by the two officials and by members of the committee on equal terms, neither official presuming on his station to take any precedence over any other citizen present.

The main topic of discussion was a plan for legislative action, ending in a decision to request the governor and the governor-elect to name a committee to work out legislation to be presented to the lawmakers in April.

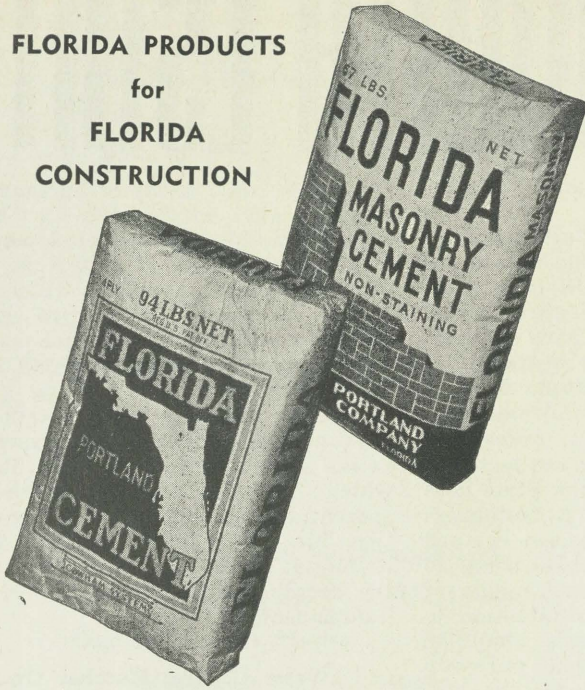
Unique also was the open and frank interchange of views between the outgoing and incoming governors as to the propriety of using State funds to finance this work, with both agreeing that in view of the State's vital interest in conservation it was a proper use.

There was an issue as to whether legislation should be offered at the next session or postponed until further expert survey of the water situation and needs, but it was the final decision that there should be established at

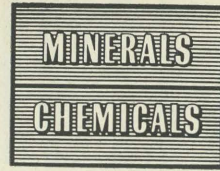
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# IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA . . .

A SACK OF MAIL disappeared after leaving the Key West post office for Miami. Since it contained checks cleared that day through the Florida National Bank at Key West, army, navy and civilian businesses were presented with an unusual problem; funds already credited to various accounts were charged back against them.

★ The Miami weather man, barraged with complaints that his temperature readings often disagreed with those of residents' thermometers pointed to two thermometers in the Congress building—one in the sun reading 97, another six feet away in the shade but subjected to reflected sidewalk heat registering 70 while the official weather bureau thermometer registered 66.

★ A St. Petersburg visitor is 71 years of age but when an attempt was made to arrest him on a disorderly conduct charge it required the united efforts of three policemen to lodge him in jail.

★ A Miami waitress, 23, divorced her first husband after having had two children, then married three servicemen without benefit of legal separations. In Federal court she was sentenced to three years in the Federal penitentiary and fined \$500. All of her husbands in the service, from whom she was receiving allotments, want her but she plans to legally wed the last in line.

★ A MacDill Field soldier solved—temporarily—his problem of getting back to camp in time. He took a motor line bus from the garage and drove it. The bus has been recovered intact.

★ A beautiful Persian kitten with bells broke into jail at Tampa and made friends indiscriminately with jailers and prisoners.

★ A police court case in Tampa charged a local resident with driving a motorcycle while drunk.

★ Mrs. Clara Brown, 27, native of Texas is the only woman in the country holding a journeyman painters' license. She works at it, along with men house painters, in Miami.

★ The mother of three children told Miami police that her husband forced her and a woman roomer to drive to a wooded spot where he informed them that he was going to kill them both and himself. After a tense few hours, the women eluded him.

★ Tampa officers informed that a murder was being committed rushed to the scene, their alarm increasing when

they began to hear a woman's screams a block away. Inside the house they found the woman sitting in one corner of the room screaming and her bewildered husband watching her. She bore no marks of violence.

★ Betty Burns, pretty and petite Tampa waitress is making a remarkable recovery from five bullet wounds in her abdomen and a broken jaw.

★ Among odd things advertised in Fort Myers in the lost and found columns was a rocking chair found far up the Caloosahatchee River. It is supposed to have been blown there from the beach during the storm.

★ Major Albert L. Kertz drew the designs for Camp Gordon Johnston and was sent, before its construction to 18 months duty on the Persian Gulf. Returned to the United States, Major Kertz has been assigned to—Camp Gordon Johnston.

★ Enrolled at the University of Florida are 93 veterans of World War II. Two served more than five years each.

★ Only 10 years ago, Dr. Lillian Gist of Tampa received her master's degree from Clermont College in California. Two years later she received the honorary doctorate from MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill. She reads and studies a lot but on her 90th birthday she announced that she has had enough of college.

★ Tampa officers were puzzled when they observed a taxi being driven slowly and carefully, with all street signs and stop lights meticulously observed. Of course they investigated and, sure enough, the driver was drunk.

★ By a one-vote margin, Mrs. James H. White won a place on the El Portal town council, the first woman to serve on a Dade County governing board.

★ Defendant in a Miami charge of assault and impersonation of an officer is a 51-year-old hero—holder of the Carnegie award for saving 21 lives at the risk of his own.

★ Yeoman 3/c Nellie Locust, daughter of the only son of the last chief of the Cherokee tribe is serving in the SPARS at Miami.

★ First strawberries in Dade County brought the grower \$1 and a bottle of liquor, the latter won from a former partner on the bet that he would bring in the first quart of berries.

★ Three weeks after her baby was born at MacDill Feld hospital during the hurricane, Mrs. Harold J. Robertson received notice that her husband was killed in action. For 14 days she

refused to believe it, then came a letter from him written after he was reported killed.

★ When County Commissioner Nuccio was green on the job he told constituents who asked for caterpillars that Hillsborough County had no worms for distribution. In time he learned that tractors were wanted for road work.

★ A Tampa woman motorist gave hitchhikers a lift. The hitchhikers lifted new towels from her rear seat and made off with them.

★ A 12-year-old Miami girl broke a bottle of gasoline on the hearth. Two fearless Boy Scouts entered the residence and saved it from destruction by fire. Gordon Lammond, 12, and David Percudani, 15, were praised for this action by District Fire Chief A. M. Willis.

★ Tampa authorities finally got the record straight in a disorderly conduct case involving three couples. On Frank's complaint, Jean, his ex-wife was arrested. Police also took along Ruby, also Frank's ex-wife. At another place they arrested Mary in Frank's room. All came before police court together with two other men. Frank paid Ruby's fine. Ruby paid Jean's fine. Somehow or other Mary's fine got paid too.

★ At Orlando police recovered a diamond ring lost by a soldier and carried away in the city trash collection. Now they are looking for the soldier so they can give it back.

★ A St. Petersburg negro has seven stab wounds because when he asked to borrow a cigarette from another negro's pack he helped himself to two.

★ A parole violator held in Miami jail faces the additional charge of robbery of rings from a 78-year-old prisoner held overnight in the same cell.

★ Sorry for a homeless man on crutches, an Orlando resident took him to his room to spend the night. Early the next morning the crippled guest was seen making off with cigarettes, \$12, clothing, and a shaving outfit, stolen from his benefactor.

★ A Tampa girl, now 17, seeks annulment of her marriage a year ago to a soldier when a flipped coin, during a farewell party, decided that the two would wed that night.

★ A St. Petersburg high school sophomore has been licensed to preach.

★ A Miami man was killed on his way to the hospital for a tonsillectomy when a train hit his stalled car.

★ During a domestic quarrel a young Pensacola mother, holding her three-months-old baby in her arms, placed the barrel of a revolver in her mouth, pulled the trigger, died instantly.

★ A young Tampan is charged with stealing 135 bushel baskets.

★ A friendly dice game at Miami Beach was broken up when one of the

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# County Activities and Personalities . . .

**M**ANATEE COUNTY commissioners have warned truck drivers of a 10-ton load limit, including weight of the vehicle.

■ Brevard County commissioners announced daily boat service between Titusville and the Merritt's Island communities of Wilson, Orsino, Allenhurst and Shiloh.

■ Dade County offered its segment of right-of-way to Cape Sable to the State. The drive to have the road improved started in Homestead and has been supported by Monroe County in aid of the \$400,000 fish industry.

■ Publication of the annual report of Collier County was followed by scores of editorials praising the good condition of county and its policy of treating the citizens as stockholders.

■ Miami Beach Civic League has asked the State Road Department to buy and free Venetian Causeway, only privately owned toll causeway left in Florida.

■ A plan to turn Jackson Memorial hospital over to the University of Miami was under consideration in Miami. Under the plan the county commissioners would pay per diem for charity patients.

■ Hillsborough County commissioners excluded land belonging to servicemen from sale of property under tax delinquency orders.

■ Broward County commissioners put the old county courthouse and jail on the block for sale to the highest bidder.

■ Orange County commissioners voted not to sell the stately old courthouse but instead to repair damage done to it during the hurricane. Pioneer residents protested vigorously the proposal that the old building, no longer used for county business, be sold.

■ Volusia commissioners asked the State Road Department to designate new rights-of-way on Road 75 from New Smyrna Beach to DeLand and Road 21 from Barberville to Daytona Beach.

■ Palm Beach County's plan for setting up a veterans' counseling program has been approved by WMC Director Dean R. A. Rasco.

■ Chairman Dixon V. Herring of the Leon commission turned clock repairman when the courthouse clock stopped unexpectedly.

■ Chairman Ball of the Hillsborough commission and W. B. Haggerty, aviation committee chairman, engaged in heated debate over Tampa's efforts to obtain recognition in aviation development.

■ Volusia County received an inquiry from State Commissioner of Agriculture

Nathan Mayo on facilities for heating the jail which were said to be inadequate until windows are repaired.

■ Volusia commissioners smiled when they received a bill for \$10.25 to cover damage to a visitor's automobile by the hurricane.

■ Dade County commissioners donated 1,000 yards of blackout cloth to the home demonstration department.

■ A news feature story set forth that each ballot cast in Pinellas County had cost the county 25 cents, whereupon an election clerk returned her check, which amounted to only about two cents each for the ballots she had handled, demanding payment at the 25-cent rate.

■ Palm Beach County commissioners accepted the help of farmers in rocking about three miles of road near Belle Glade. Use of the county dragline was granted to open up six sections of land which are planted.

■ Palm Beach County freeholders voted 2,740 to 2,636 for port of West Palm Beach bonds.

■ Dade County has rebuilt 65 miles of road this year, in addition to patching and bridge work.

■ Pinellas County commissioner Beckett won a suit of clothes in an election bet with a Republican.

■ Because of the manpower shortage St. Johns County will discontinue the work of building cattle gaps and cleaning out ditches.

■ Chairman Preston B. Bird of the Dade commission and James T. Wilson, school superintendent participated in the organization of the Dade County Safety Council.

■ Escambia County commissioners asked bids for repairs to the Gulf Beach canal bridge, damaged by a barge.

■ Orange County commissioners sought bids on equipment for a new system in the tax assessor's and collector's offices, purchased \$50,000 in war bonds, authorized purchase of a tractor, sold the tangerines but held for better prices the oranges and grapefruit on the county's groves.

■ Volusia County's claim for \$4,068 damages to a road grader when a navy plane crashed into it, was authorized by congress.

■ Seaman 1/c Frank Sands, USN, on leave from convoy duty, visited his grandfather, Monroe County commissioner J. Frank Roberts.

■ Four taxing units divided \$41,246 received from three tax-exempt Federal housing authority projects in Tampa. The government makes the voluntary payments in lieu of taxes.

■ Chairman Ball of the Hillsborough County commission said he felt like a

humane society agent when constituents asked him to remove a dead mule from a ditch, a dead cow from a road and five kittens from a woman's yard.

■ Pasco commissioners have changed the monthly meeting date from the first Monday to the first Tuesday in each month to avoid conflict with court rule day.

■ Orange County officials visited Tampa to study methods used by the Hillsborough County assessor and collector.

■ Leon County commissioners contributed \$1,100 to the cost of the celebration of the inauguration of Governor Millard F. Caldwell.

■ Charlotte County has a new iron flagpole in front of the courthouse. The cypress pole was blown down in the hurricane.

■ Palm Beach County officials testified as to the ratio of negro citizens to settle the point of discrimination in the indictment of a negro for rape.

■ Lee County commissioners protested an ODT order restricting taxicab service to Pine Island, Punta Rassa and Ft. Myers Beach, the first two of which have no other transportation facilities.

■ President Roosevelt and Lake County Commissioner Harry Stokes cussed when the voting machine each was using jammed.

■ Hillsborough County commissioners are willing to contribute to a sewer line in the Maryland Manor area, if it is legal.

■ Nassau County commissioners considering contribution to the health unit, asked that a doctor and health officer be provided.

■ Hardee County commissioners asked bids for a new roof for the courthouse.

■ Dade commissioners were informed that a multi-millionaire plans a 1,500 acre negro housing project, containing churches, schools and parks.

■ Pensacola housing authority paid units of government \$20,000 in lieu of taxes.

■ Officials representing Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties met at Vero Beach, laid plan to retain the route of U. S. Highway 1 and bring it up to modern standards.

■ Sumter County commissioners agreed to lease the Citizens Bank Building at Bushnell to J. K. MacKay of Miami, to open a bank there.

■ County Commissioner Henry Belcher is usually good for at least one good story at each county board meeting and the St. Petersburg board member swears this one is true: It con-

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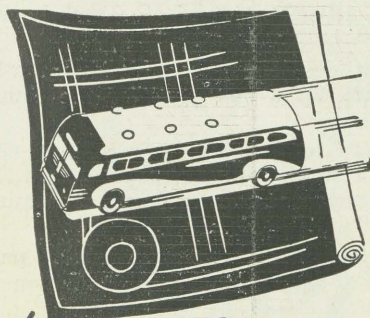
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# Sergeant Breeds Fish . . .

OUT AT CAMP Blanding, a noncommissioned officer with more than ordinary vision, has put into effect a game fish conservation program, single-handed, that will make the seven lakes on the military reservation a fisherman's paradise.

He is M/Sgt. Cecil C. Talbot of Andalusia, Ala., now Operations Sergeant of the Plans and Training Division, Camp Headquarters, who has worked with State authorities to restock the lakes with more than 200,000 bass and bream fry and fingerlings in the past three years.

Underneath his rather imposing military title, Sergeant Talbot is a man of simple habits and a great lover of the outdoors. He is an inveterate hunter and fisherman and, because of his lifelong pleasure from fishing, he has also become an ardent conservationist.

Foreseeing the possibilities three years ago, he began to restock Kingsley Lake, Lake Whittemore, Lake Stevens, Sand Hill and Magnolia Lakes, and Blue Pond through the cooperation of the Florida State Fish Hatchery at Welaka and his efforts have been outstanding. It is his hope that his efforts show great results after the war in terms of future relaxation and sport for scores of post-war anglers.

Happily, Sergeant Talbot's plan to provide game fish with a safe refuge in which to grow and multiply has been given an automatic assist by the very nature of the training program at Camp Blanding. All of the lakes which he has restocked are in the "impact area" of the camp's many rifle and mortar ranges—which makes it impossible for anyone to fish in the lakes as they are constantly and literally under fire.

Without such an intent, Uncle Sam unwittingly is protecting the growing fish with thousands of rifle bullets and mortar shells that zing daily over the lakes during firing practice. Harmless to the fish, it thus provides them with perfect protection from fishermen until after the war is ended. When the days come that the daily "covering barrage" is over, the sleek bass and bream should be fat and in full maturity, just begging for a plug or live bait. That is Sergeant Talbot's dream.

On July 17, 1942 Sergeant Talbot inaugurated his one-man conservation program, bringing 66,000 fry and fingerlings to the Camp Blanding's lakes on that initial trip. Since that time he has made 23 additional trips to the hatchery at Welaka with two trucks and has, in all, planted over 200,000 fish in the lakes.

Many of the bass spawn within a year after restocking, Sergeant Talbot



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**PREPARING FOR POST-WAR FISHING**—M/Sgt. Cecil C. Talbot of Camp Blanding's Headquarters Detachment has installed a game fish conservation program by obtaining fingerling fish from the Florida State Hatcheries and bringing them to Camp Blanding's many lakes for restocking. Talbot hopes to make this area a fisherman's paradise after the war. So far he's planted about 200,000 bass and bream in the lakes at Camp Blanding. Above, the sergeant is shown with Sgt. Alan Guthrie, pouring young game fish into Kingsley Lake.

explained, thus insuring a rapid multiplication as the years go by.

The camp's No. 1 angler-conservationist expressed a deep appreciation to Luther L. Henkle, superintendent of the Welaka Hatchery, and to his two assistants, Charles Durrant and Paul C. Dunaway, who have generously supplied the young fish needed in Sergeant Talbot's project.

Backing him in the conservation efforts have been the camp's director of training, Maj. William F. Runge of Sanford, and three successive camp

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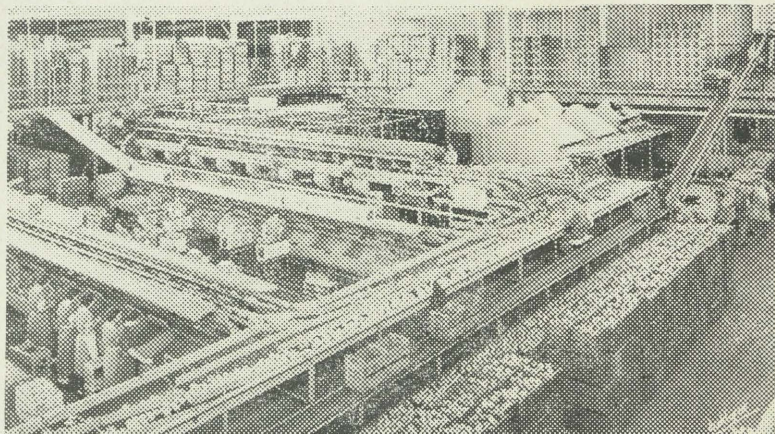
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# Inauguration of Florida's First Governor One Hundred Years Ago

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THE QUIET DIGNITY of Governor Millard F. Caldwell's inauguration as the twenty-eighth governor of the State of Florida will be a strange contrast to the pomp and ceremony, the shouting and merrymaking, and the booming cannon associated with the inauguration of Florida's first governor on June 25, 1845. There was as much reason for celebration in that year of fulfillment as there will be for simplicity in this era of war.

The inauguration of William D. Moseley in 1845 brought Florida into the United States as an equal with the other twenty-six commonwealths of the American Union. It was the final act for which men had worked long and waited patiently.

As early as 1839 Floridians had voted in favor of the St. Joseph constitution and had asked of congress the privilege of statehood. In the following years they had repeatedly knocked at the congressional door, but for one reason or another congress had delayed its approval. Finally, on March 3, 1845, President Tyler had signed the act providing for Florida's admission into the Union. Hotly contested elections between the Whig and Democratic candidates for the governorship, State assembly, and representative to congress which followed in May had given the Democrats Moseley and David Levy, the congressional representative, comfortable majorities. Now the long-awaited hour was at hand: emotions could no longer be repressed.

The residents of the capital and the visitors who filled the little town of Tallahassee were up at an early hour.

Old friends meeting again lingered over hearty breakfasts. The majority ate with haste and rushed to the capitol square in their eagerness to miss none of the day's color and exciting events. But on the arms of many individuals were black crepe bands, for news of the death of General Jackson, provisional governor of the Territory of Florida in 1821 and seventh president of the United States, had reached Tallahassee two days before as the first general assembly met. Members of both houses of the assembly, after passing commemorative resolutions, had agreed to wear armbands in respect to him who in life had led the common man in his fight for political democracy.

Shortly before nine on the morning of June 25 these crepe-banded senators and representatives pushed

through the crowd to enter their legislative halls. The senators soon joined the representatives to receive the official returns of the recent gubernatorial contest.

While the legislators performed their constitutional duties the people outside renewed old friendships and made new acquaintances. The news of Jackson's passing, no doubt, calmed the wonted exuberance of those who had shared his victories. Here and there men who had served under the "Gen'l" at the Battle of New Orleans or fought with him against the Spanish and Indians held back an honest tear. But death could not still the excitement of life. Those who had known him best realized that Jackson would have enjoyed to the full this moment when the land he had battled for was entering the Union. In this way the morning passed.

At noon Governor-elect Moseley and Territorial Governor John Branch were escorted to the east portico of the Capitol building. With them were James D. Westcott, Jr., chairman of the St. Joseph Constitutional Committee and two other surviving members of the committee, George T. Ward and Thomas Brown. The State flag, of five horizontal stripes in blue, orange, red, white, and green, with the motto "Let Us Alone," was hoisted on the Capitol's flagstaff. Governor Branch made a short speech to his successor and the "several thousand" assembled Floridians. Westcott's speech which followed was equally brief.

Governor-elect Moseley then took oath of office as the first governor of the State of Florida. The great seal of the State was handed to him by Branch and the constitution was presented by the constitutional committee.

At the conclusion of these formalities Governor Moseley proceeded with his inaugural address. He gave his conception of the duties of a public servant, touched on the importance of State's rights, outlined his program for advancing the State, and requested the cooperation of the assembled senators and representatives.

The deafening applause at the end of his address evidenced the approval of his words. The shouts of the people told more than that. Their acclaim expressed their deep satisfaction at knowing that Florida, in carrying out the final condition for admission to statehood, was now the twenty-seventh State of the United States.

More than 20 quarts of culture fluids are required to yield one gram (.033) of an ounce of penicillin.

## Cross-State Barge Canal Data Completed By Engineers

All engineering data for the proposed barge canal across Florida has been completed and work on that long-discussed project could get under way almost immediately should an appropriation for its construction be provided.

This information was made public by F. N. Ricks, engineer in charge. Camp Roosevelt is to be closed on Dec. 31 and evacuated by employees of the corps of engineers with exception of a small force assigned to maintenance of the camp.

Last set of plans covering technical data on a portion of the canal, its locks and dams, is scheduled to be forwarded to Washington before the end of December. These plans will complete the technical picture for a barge canal proposed after construction of a ship canal was abandoned for lack of congressional action to provide additional funds for that project.

A final project report was completed about this time last year. Since then detail plans have occupied attention of the scores of workmen quartered at Camp Roosevelt. That force has dwindled from the 400 employed during the summer of 1943 and the 160 employed at the start of this year to an estimated 90.

Construction of the barge canal linking the Atlantic and Gulf over the original route of the ship canal entails building five locks and two dams. Details of these structures are included in engineering plans drawn by the area or resident office, which is under direction of the Jacksonville district headquarters, in charge of Col. A. B. Jones.

Plans for the canal provide a minimum depth of 12 feet over a bottom width of 150 feet. This depth has been declared by the best authorities to hold no threat to Florida's underground water supply, either locally or to the south. Stiff opposition to the ship canal previously proposed advanced as a main objection a theory that the 35-foot depth for that channel would endanger the underground water system.

## HOLLAND WILL MOVE 8-BALL

Spessard L. Holland will move out from behind the big black eight-ball when he leaves the governor's office on Jan. 2, taking it back to Bartow with him as a memoir.

For four years the replica of the pool table nemesis has sat on his desk between him and callers, and several times he has picked it up during controversial conferences and remarked "you see where I am, gentlemen."

The eight ball was given to him the day he took office in 1941 by Harry Hector, Miami growers' supply dealer who was a member of the State Road Department for two years.



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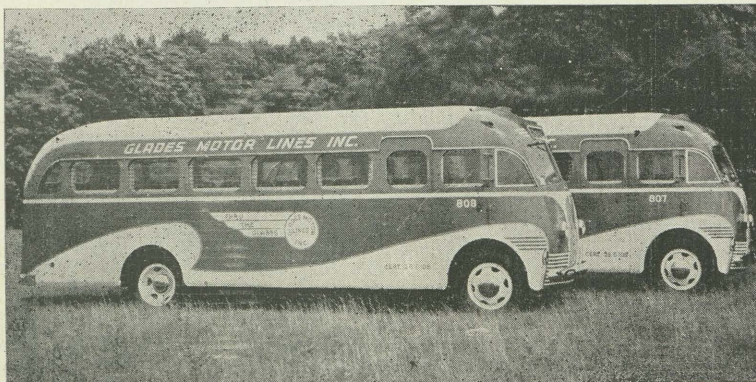
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## HE COULDN'T THROW

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political ambition. It was only after other prospective candidates for congress decided not to run that he jumped into the campaign less than 60 days before the primary date.

How he did it has never been and probably never will be fully explained, but he was elected. It is known, of course, that he whipped a Model-A Ford nearly to pieces over 14,800 miles of travel, that he tacked up his own posters, that he made 140 speeches in the last 30 days of the campaign. But he opposed a veteran campaigner with phenomenal acquaintance and the political observers did not believe he had a chance. In politics as in baseball his fast ball won for him. He never could throw a curve.

For four terms in all, Congressman Millard Caldwell served the Third Florida Congressional District. He found in congress many old friends with whom he had gone to school or who knew his father. They steered him in his early days but the young congressman took the bit in his teeth and plunged ahead. His friends included Joe Byrnes, Sam Rayburn and Florida's late Joe Sears.

In congress, he served on the Appropriations and Foreign Affairs Committees. He was instrumental in obtaining many advantages for all sections of Florida, working in close cooperation with the other Florida congressmen. From the start he was keenly interested in war preparedness. He was sent as a delegate to the interparliamentary conferences at The Hague, Holland, in 1938 and at Oslo, Norway, in 1939. He worked to build up stockpiles of tin, manganese and rubber. He sought an embargo on shipment of war materials to Japan. He fought for the fortification of Guam and our other Pacific outposts. He was a leader in the effort to build up our Navy, extend Naval aviation and enlarge the Army with emphasis on mechanization. He contributed materially to the expansion of Naval installations in Florida—at Pensacola, Key West, Jacksonville, and elsewhere but his vision was broad

and his efforts were always national in scope.

Millard Caldwell never wanted to be in politics. He retired from congress after eight years by refusing to run for reelection.

The former congressman retained his commission as a reserve officer and when war came he sought active duty. Not accepted for active service in 1942, he again applied for duty in 1943 and was again not accepted.

He had always liked Tallahassee and the country around it. He had seen the farm that is now his home place 20 years before. It seemed to him that it would be a good place to live where he could enjoy the things he likes most while practicing law. He did not expect to get rich but to be able to make a comfortable living and find peace, security and contentment.

From January 1941 to the fall of 1943, former Congressman Millard Caldwell had everything he wanted. He had his home place, Harwood, where he lived with Mrs. Caldwell and their two daughters, Sally and Susan. He had pasture land and feed crops for his dairy and beef cattle. He had space to move about in and readily available hunting and fishing. He had his law practice. These were enough.

He had no particular ambition to be governor but, after he decided to make the race, he wanted to win and he worked at it. It is not necessary to add: He won.

## FLORIDA'S FIRST FAMILY

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Caldwell's maiden name by her husband, has been the Caldwell home for the last four years. It is as informal as the Caldwell family itself. In fact, its informality is one of Harwood's greatest charms.

The natural beauty of hundreds of acres of rolling pastures with giant moss-covered oak trees and a large pecan orchard, is the unaffected setting for the two-story frame house over a hundred years old, said to have been built by Col. Robert Butler, appointed surveyor general of Florida in 1824 and founder of Florida's first Masonic lodge.

One of the first notes of infor-

mality that catches the eye when you enter the Caldwell plantation home is a row of saddles lined against the wall in the breezeway. From then on throughout the house everything has been arranged for comfort and graceful living.

All of the rooms at Harwood have large fireplaces, are filled with easy chairs and chintz-covered sofas, and have plenty of tables convenient for newspapers, magazines and ash trays. If any particular theme is carried out at Harwood it is early American which is definitely in harmony with the setting.

While they were living at Harwood, Mrs. Caldwell, Sally and Susan did most of the housework.

There are five horses and two colts at Harwood as well as Hattie, the mule. Osiris is an Arabian stallion. Beauty is a Tennessee walking horse. Claudia and Peavine are saddle horses and Dinah is a farm horse. The two colts are Redwing, Beauty's colt, and Ginger, Dinah's colt.

Most of the animals at Harwood have been given names. Judy is an eight-months-old pointer who was given to the family by a neighbor when their two Scotties died several months ago. Petunia is "just an ordinary cat" and Beelzebub is a solid black tomcat. There are also an assortment of seven kittens at Harwood, some of them Petunia's and others "just strays," according to Susan.

Harwood, until recently, boasted about one hundred beef cows and some registered white-faced Herefords, one hundred dairy cows, forty or so laying hens and usually a flock of turkeys, now diminished, however, to one after the holidays. All feed for the animals is grown on the farm.

Each member of the Caldwell family enjoys horseback riding. The governor used to ride his small beef herd on horseback. Mary Harwood Caldwell says she generally rode "for business rather than for pleasure" while supervising the plantation during the months her husband was away so much during his campaign, but she is a proficient horsewoman.

Sally likes to ride bareback and

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## Drainage Bond Burning Scheduled By Belle Glade

The final touch in refinancing the Everglades drainage district debt was taken December 16 with the public burning of about \$9,000,000 worth of cancelled bonds at Belle Glade.

Gov. Holland, who directed negotiations for cutting the district's bonded debt from \$16,000,000 to a net of about \$4,000,000, and Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo attended the ceremony. Holland said that with the recently completed refinancing the district can be completely out of debt within 16 years.

Most of the bonds were issued more than 20 years ago, but interest payments lagged and the \$9,000,000 debt principal by 1941 was increased to nearly \$16,000,000 by defaulted interest.

Negotiations with a majority of the bondholders resulted in their acceptance of a bankruptcy plan by which they would receive 57 cents on the dollar for their bonds and the back interest. The drainage district trustees borrowed funds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to take up the bonds at that rate.

The 1941 legislature authorized a drainage tax compromise plan whereby old taxes could be wiped out by paying current levies and those of the two preceding years. Taxes then brought in enough to take up most of the original bonds which the RFC held to secure its loan.

Refunding bonds for \$4,500,000, bearing interest rates reduced to three and a third percent were then issued to take up the rest.

A reserve fund of \$500,000 is held by the district to cut the net debt to \$4,000,000.

### NOTICE TO SINNERS

There is a farmer who lives near San Juan Capistrano, Cal., who has a fine pasture, and in the pasture a small lake which has been much used by a Baptist congregation as a baptismal pool. This was all for the good of mankind.

But it appears some of the good brethren were careless, and after the ceremony would wander through the pasture gate and leave it open and the farmer's cattle would wander out and range over the country. That was all to the bad, so far as the farmer was concerned.

The pay-off comes in an advertisement the farmer placed in the San Juan Capistrano Coastline Dispatch recently. It reads:

NOTICE—Positively no more baptizing in my pasture. Twice here in the last two months, my gate has been left open by Christian people and before I chase my heifers all over the country again, all the sinners can go to hell.

And that would appear to be final.—Bradenton Herald.

## JACKSONVILLE'S OWN PIED PIPER PLANS WHOLESALE EXTERMINATION OF RATS

And out of the house the rats came tumbling.  
Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats . . .

The rat problem is nothing new in cities throughout the world as evidenced by the immortal ballad by Robert Browning telling how the Pied Piper with his magic pipe lured the rats of Hamelin into the River Weser.

Jacksonville's own Pied Piper is Bernard Kolkana, supervisor of rodent control in the office of City Sanitary Engineer H. D. Peters, and he announced that plans were under way for a mass extermination of the rats in this city which are causing complaints to pour into his office from all sections of town.

Within the next two weeks a crew of seven trained rodent exterminators will work with Kolkana in preparing huge quantities of poisoned rat bait which will be distributed free of charge to residents from their neighborhood fire stations. Details of the program will be announced later. The bait will be principally pecan crumbs and fresh fish with red squill used as the poisoning agent.

Kolkana said two kinds of rats are prevalent in Jacksonville: the Norway rat, which is commonly known as the river, sewer, water or ground rat is a large rodent which lives on the ground and in the lower floors of buildings. The roof rat is smaller, leaner, about two-thirds the size of the Norway rat and lives principally in the upper floors of buildings, often crawling along overhead light lines and in trees.

Most modern buildings, he said, are ratproof, or could be made so at relatively small cost. In a building with brick, stone or concrete foundations it is first necessary to search thoroughly for all places where rats might enter. Ventilators and sewer openings should be provided with gratings, and doors that are likely to be left open at night should be equipped with self-closing devices.

The surest way of permanent riddance, he said is the removal of favorable harbors, for a rat will not remain where safe and comfortable shelter is not available.

Food is an important factor in all rat infestation. Food shortage limits the number of rats that premises will maintain and reduces breeding. Hunger also makes poisoning and trapping more effective.

So, through the efforts of Mr. Kolkana and his crew of rat exterminators, there likely will be no repetition of the sad plight of old Hamelin town here in Jacksonville.

According to the poet, some 500 years ago in the German city:

Rats!  
They fought the dogs and killed the cats,  
And bit the babies in the cradles . . .

## CHAMBER HITS U. S. AID FOR COOPERATIVES

Governors of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce are asking that all concerns, private businesses as well as cooperatives, be given equal treatment by the Federal government in the matter of tax concessions and financing with public funds.

In taking this stand, the governors asked Ray C. Brown, chamber attorney, to prepare a resolution "opposing discrimination in matters of taxes and financing of business, regardless of whether it is cooperative or private."

This was in keeping with a resolution by the Florida State Chamber of Commerce at its recent convention in Tampa and by several other organizations.

A resolution by a group in New Orleans told of the organization of Southern Cooperatives, Inc., a holding concern to be financed by government funds to go into many fields of post-war cooperative activity.

This big organization, the New Orleans resolution said will be financed by government money and relieved of taxes that have to be paid by private concerns with which it will be in competition.

Fred J. Woods asked that the chamber take a stand and offered the motion that was passed. Brown said this and other similar resolutions would be asking congress to abolish an established policy favoring cooperatives. He said he had discussed cooperatives with internal revenue men who realized that some were not legal cooperatives.

R. D. Jackson said he favored cooperatives, but it was a fact that some big cooperatives in the East were rapidly taking over private business and that they are permitted under the law to build up funds that could not be built up by private concerns.

## FLORIDA BUSINESS ENTERPRISES TO BE HONORED

Florida business enterprises in continuous operation from 1845 to 1945 will be presented with a specially designed plaque by the Florida State Chamber of Commerce as a part of the Centennial Celebration next year, Walter C. Sherman, president of the State chamber announced.

"We feel that every business enterprise having a record of 100 years of service to the State has well earned special recognition and that the Centennial Celebration period will be a fitting time to give this reward.

"Details of our plans for presenting these plaques have not been completed, but we propose to make the presentations a ceremonial affair, with the communities where the services have been rendered being invited to join with the State chamber in paying the recipients the honor and respect to which they are entitled," Sherman said.





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# Road Department Lets Contracts To Improve West Coast Highways

Pinellas, Pasco and Polk Counties will receive major highway improvements under contracts awarded by the State Road Department on bids received by the board at Tallahassee December 20.

R. H. Wright, at \$151,194, was the low bidder on a project for clearing and grading a new eight-mile strip of State Road 15, the Gulf Coast Scenic Highway in Pinellas and Pasco. That will result in the extension of the modern surface of that highway southward from its present southern terminus at an intersection with State Road 210 north of New Port Richey, to an intersection with Tarpon avenue about a mile and a half east of downtown Tarpon Springs.

That west coast project will leave Pinellas County commissioners with the task of obtaining the right-of-way for the extension of the highway southward from Tarpon avenue past Clearwater and Largo to St. Petersburg. Post-war plans of the road department call for the actual paving of the eight-mile strip soon to be cleared and the additional strip southward for which right-of-way is yet to be obtained.

The Gulf Coast Highway shortens the distance between Clearwater and Tallahassee by 40 miles.

Nolan Dickerson of Lakeland, tendered the low bid of \$183,906 for reconstruction and paving of a four-mile strip of State Road 17 in Polk County from Lakeland westward to the Polk-Hillsborough line, where a concrete surface begins and extends on westward through Plant City to Tampa.

Brinson Construction Company of Tampa, was low bidder at \$22,242, for lowering the grade and surfacing 373 feet of State Road 79 along Polk avenue at the Atlantic Coast Line railroad crossing in Lake Wales.

The low bids received by the road board for work in 14 counties totaled \$1,737,097. The projects, covering 40 miles of highway include:

Paving about two miles of Road 553 in Duval County between McGirts Creek and Ortega Creek, R. T. Gordon of Jacksonville, \$84,865.

Clearing, grading and surfacing 11 miles of Road 64 in Collier and Hendry Counties northward from a point a mile and a half north of Immokalee, R. H. Wright and son of Fort Lauderdale, \$339,008.

Constructing a road base and surfacing two and a half miles of Road 2-A in Alachua County between West Main street in Gainesville and Road Two south of Gainesville, Marion Contracting Company of Ocala, \$84,714.

Clearing, grading and surfacing half

a mile of Road 2 in Jasper, Hamilton County, R. T. Gordon of Jacksonville, \$27,677.

Clearing, grading and surfacing 6.795 miles of Road 139 in Duval County between a point half a mile north of the Clay County line and Cedar Creek, and between Cedar Creek and Hamilton street along St. Johns avenue, Jersey street and Park street, Duval Engineering and Contracting Company of Jacksonville, \$390,658.

Clearing, grading and surfacing a mile and a quarter of Sadler road in Nassau County between Road 13 and Fernandina Beach, Hall and Caddell of Jacksonville, \$42,076.

Construction of a concrete bridge over Massalina Bayou at Fourth street in Panama City, Cleary Brothers Construction Company of West Palm Beach, \$89,329.

Reconstruction of one pier and other repairs to Hathaway bridge in Bay County near Panama City and similar work on the Apalachicola Bay bridge in Franklin County, Cleary Brothers, \$59,214.

Clearing, grading and surfacing three and three-quarters miles of Road 29 in Osceola County between Narcoossee and the Orange County line. R. B. Tyler Company of Louisville, Ky., \$154,989.

Surfacing about a mile of Roads 10 and 115 in Fort Walton, Okaloosa County, Smith Engineering and Construction Company of Pensacola, \$66,920.

Constructing piling bulkheads and

paving the side slopes on the approaches to the Indian River bridge on Road 206 in Cocoa, Cleary Brothers, \$33,020.

Clearing, grading and surfacing a quarter of a mile of Road 70 between Road 140 and the Atlantic Ocean in Brevard County, J. D. Manly of Leesburg, \$7,285.

## DOG FOUND, FINDER REFUSES \$1,000 REWARD

Wylie K. Lee, Coconut Grove, paid out a \$1,000 reward for the return of a boxer puppy that six weeks ago cost him \$150.

"He was our dog and I didn't think the price of the reward was too high for the recovering of a real friend," the owner explained.

The return of the full-blooded animal also determined the dog's name—Warbo—a contraction for war bond.

Wylie had promised a \$1,000 war bond or \$750 cash reward.


The finder, who remained anonymous, refused to accept either. He requested that the \$750 be divided between two charitable organizations. Wylie, not to be outdone added \$250 to the cash reward and presented it to Police Sgt. Harry Bell of Coral Gables, where the dog was lost, for his help in distributing 10,000 reward folders Wylie had printed.

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# Everglades National Park To Feature Tropical Life

**L**ONG-SMOLDERING plans for a national park in the tropical southern Everglades have been rekindled with the State tentatively agreeing to give 650,000 acres of swamps and bay bottoms for the purpose.

If the U. S. Department of Interior picks up from there and oil developments don't sweep over most of the area, visitors eventually may be able to take guided trips through one of the few truly tropical zones in the United States.

They will be able to have pointed out to them crocodiles, found no other place in the country, the rare roseate spoonbills, flamingoes, egrets, manatees, the unique key deer, wild orchids and dozens of tropical plants found at no other spot in the United States.

Conservation of the plants and animals in their natural homes and development of facilities by which the public can see them and be told what they are is one of the main purposes of the proposed park.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, director of the Federal fish and wildlife service, who will put conservation measures into practice as soon as the United States gets title to the land, says the area is unique in this country. "There is nothing else like it."

"You've got more things in south Florida that are not found in any other spot in the United States than any other area in the Nation with the possible exception of a small subtropical zone near Brownsville, Texas, and one isolated desert section in the West," he stated.

Development of the park would make more accessible, too, the fishing paradise, around Shark River and Lostman's River, where game fish abound.

Neither commercial nor game fishing would be prohibited by Federal administration of the area, Gabrielson said, except temporarily in small portions around the rookeries of the rare birds.

As now proposed, there probably would be four main entrances to the wild lands which are of no use except for conservation of natural resources and the possibility of oil discovery.

One would be from some spot along the Overseas Highway, where a boat might be taken for a tour of the small keys, rookeries, mangrove swamps in the shallow waters of Florida Bay, which Gabrielson said "is one of the best wildlife areas in the State."

Or the park could be approached through a typical Everglades corridor running north to the Tamiami Trail

some 50 miles west of Miami, or from Royal Palm State Park southwest of Miami. The State park would be taken over by the national park service.

The proposed park zone also takes in some of the ten thousand islands running north from Whitewater Bay to Losman's River. That area could be entered from the town of Everglades on the Gulf coast.

The park development project is not only a tourist and wildlife conservation plan. It ties directly in with the current problems of water control.

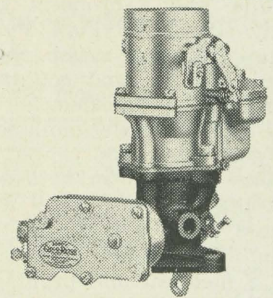
The area which the State has agreed to cede to the Federal government includes part of the natural reservoir of the Everglades main natural drainage terrain of the section. Much of that natural reservoir is in danger of being dried up by uncontrolled drainage of better lands to the north and west for agricultural developments.

Restoration of the reservoir to its natural state would be one of the first

aims of Federal departments. That would solve one of the problems of water control, drainage engineers believe.

Creation of the park was one of the main objectives of Gov. Holland's administration, and in the closing days of his term rushed to completion the preliminary negotiations.

However, cession of the State lands to the Federal government does not mean the park will be established. While the wildlife service will take over immediately, the Department of Interior may turn the land back at the end of 10 years if it decides against further development.



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## TREES AS LIVING MEMORIALS

Planting of trees as "useful and living memorials" to Florida servicemen was urged recently by Louis T. Nieland, forester with the State agricultural extension service. "For their beauty in the landscape and for the good which individuals and communities and organizations might get from them," he added, "trees are ideal for honoring the men and women in the army, navy, marines and coast guard of this war. They would serve as a fitting tribute to those who do not come back from the great conflict and also to the living veterans."

Here, certainly, is an idea well worthwhile, and a proposal which is especially suited for Fort Myers and Lee County. Forests which once lined the Tamiami Trail and country roads have practically vanished here, leaving only burned-over stumpland. There isn't a good stand of timber left in the entire county, as evidenced by the fact that the huge mill at Slater was closed down and dismantled.

The building of new forests should be both a pleasant and profitable task for the community. There are almost limitless miles of wastelands good for nothing else, and trees grow here with a rapidity unmatched by any other locality in the United States.

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Cut-over county forest lands have attempted to come back with second growth timber, but uncontrolled forest fires make it exceedingly doubtful that any substantial stand will ever return in commercial quantities. However, if a network of shallow, winding canals were dug through new memorial forest areas it would provide both fire protection—halting the spread of any blazes—and scenic beauty as well. An industrious dragline, with a bulldozer to level off the banks, would be all the machinery necessary. Canals, too, would provide drainage for the long leaf pines during the wet summer season and speed the growth of the trees.

Although pines would probably be the favorite tree for any reforestation project, the fire-resistant cajeputs offer interesting possibilities. Eucalyptus offer another fast growing tree, while groves of royal or coconut palms would be something unique for Lee County. A grove of flaming royal poinciannas—acres or miles of them—would be something to bring tourists here from all over the world.

Cool, inviting park-like forests would

provide something fine and lasting as a memorial for our soldiers, and something of a permanent benefit for the citizens. It might be, that in the center of some nearby forest, a new memorial athletic stadium could be built for Fort Myers, since many of the names now going down on Lee County's honor roll are young men who won their first fame on the local football field.—Ft. Myers News-Press.

## FLORIDA'S CENTENNIAL

Two recent events remind us that Florida's one hundredth birthday as a State is coming up in 1945. One is the announcement by the post office department that a special postage stamp will be issued in observance of the anniversary; the other is the publication of Dr. Sidney Walter Martin's "Florida During Territorial Days," which has been issued in a special Florida centennial edition, and which traces our history up to the time when we became a State in 1845.

The probabilities are that the war will prohibit any elaborate celebration of the centennial, though it is just possible that relaxation of restrictions

will permit some kind of State-wide exposition on a modest scale. In any event, there should be no neglect of the kind of observance which is not affected by wartime restrictions: local meetings and discussions, and events in which school children can participate. It is, after all, an important occasion not only in Florida's life but in the life of the Nation.—The Jacksonville Journal.

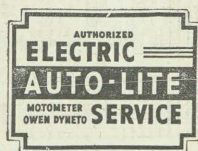
## ARCADIA BOBCAT

Bobcats are heard of more or less frequently in this country but they seldom grow any bigger than one which Abriel Whidden's police dog killed one day last week north of Arcadia. The big fellow was more than four feet long. A dog good enough to kill a cat that big must have the blood of a generation of fighters in his veins.—Arcadia Arcadian.

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## COLLIER COUNTY DOES GOOD JOB

While Collier County in south Florida continues its record of high percentage in tax collections, 100 percent this year, which perhaps is not so unusual in this taxpaying time, since collections everywhere are high, the annual report of the board of county commissioners is still noteworthy as an example of county financing.

In 1923, the year Collier County was created, it had an assessed valuation of \$1,653,360, an outstanding indebtedness of \$347,357.45, and a tax levy of \$125,296.43. This year the figures are: Assessed valuation \$10,064,914, outstanding indebtedness \$283,700.14, total tax levy \$50,402.10.

In 1923 there was not one inch of paved road in Collier County, no permanent school buildings, no county buildings of any kind. Today there is about 160 miles of hard-surfaced highway, well-equipped school buildings serving every part of the county, and a substantial and modern courthouse and jail. The total tax bill today is only about 40 percent of what it was 21 years ago.

Years ago Collier County definitely established a policy of avoiding Federal aid. It took the position that it could do its own work in its own way at its own expense at far less cost than it could through other agencies. It cites the results as proving the wisdom of its policy.

Besides having a 100 percent tax collection this year, Collier County had a further collection of 54 percent of its current taxes completed before they became due Nov. 1.

Two other facts it is proud of are that it reduced taxes last year 1.1 percent, and at the end of the year had no school indebtedness.

Such a report sounds like a thrifty New England town report of perhaps one hundred years ago, rather than a section of the U. S. A. of 1944.—Tampa Times.

We need many things of a civic nature in St. Augustine, and most of them will have to wait until after the war. But there's something that is badly needed right now. That's a good, old-fashioned boarding house. We could use several of them. And what a god-send they would be to the distraught folks who now have to take rooms and "eat out." They eat first in one place and then another until they get deadly weary, and long for some home cooking and a home atmosphere.—St. Augustine Record.

## TREES FOR HEROES

Louis T. Nieland, a Florida forester, suggests the planting of trees to commemorate war heroes, a hero being not only one with spectacular exploits to his credit, but also one who has been wounded or killed in his country's service.

According to this definition, Orlando already has some 400 heroes of this present war and Orlando has need for more than 400 trees, particularly of that lasting species known as the true live oak, which withstands the assaults of both time and tempest.

We might extend this by planting not one but several such trees per hero, and even further enhance its scope by planting at least one tree for every veteran so that Orlando the grateful may also become still more Orlando the beautiful.

Every man who has been exposed to the dangers of war is a potential hero, for it is no fault of his that the missiles passed him by to strike his brother in arms and so every veteran will be entitled to acclaim for the part he played in war.

There is no more pleasing or endur-

ing monument than a tree that lives for centuries, and when the tree dies there is no better way to perpetuate the monument than to replace it promptly with another tree.

The Sentinel believes that the city government is under some kind of obligation which the commission realizes to undertake this tree-planting policy now and provide for the future by establishing a nursery for the propagation of the true live oak in order that future generations may arise and call it blessed.—Orlando Sentinel-Star.

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## FLORIDA TICK FREE

The State Livestock Sanitary Board recently declared officially that the last two counties in the State had passed the test and been found free of cattle ticks, clearing the entire State of this pest which has been a menace to the cattle industry ever since civilization came into this section of the world. It has been a long, hard fight, one which was long regarded as impossible of completion, and it is naturally a source of great satisfaction to everybody to know it is done.

It would be entirely too much to expect that there is not a single tick anywhere in the State. The proverbial needle in a haystack would be a very conspicuous object compared with a fever tick lost in the jungles of south Florida. However, the menace is now well under control and any sporadic outbreak could readily be squelched. It would be unwise to destroy all the dipping vats in the State for a long time to come, for they may be needed for stamping out occasional discoveries of the tick's presence.

A lot of money has been spent by Federal and State governments and by individual stockraisers in getting rid of the fever tick, but whatever it may have cost it has been worth the expense. It has been estimated that the total expense may have run more than \$15,000,000. No doubt the government, notoriously careless of expenditure of public money, has spent that much money and time on things of much less value to the people as a whole than this campaign against the fever tick.

This is indeed a case of "good riddance of bad rubbish."—Arcadia Arcadian.

## SUCKER GOT MAD

Up in Chattanooga a slot machine sucker hurled a one-arm bandit through a cafe window when it failed to pay off after he had fed it with what money he had in his pocket.

The player was brought into court on a charge of malicious mischief. The county attorney, who, incidentally, is waging an anti-gambling drive, told the court: "I think we ought to take a not guilty in this case. The machine wouldn't pay off, so he lost his temper. I don't blame him." The court released the defendant.

What the sucker should have done was to throw himself through the window. It would be no more senseless than thinking there was a chance to beat one of the worst gyp devices invented to mulct the fool of his money.—Miami Herald.

## A PEACE CHEST

Governor Spessard L. Holland, speaking here yesterday at the opening of the drives of the Jacksonville Community War Chest and the Florida War Fund, broadened and deepened the matter to include a new and telling point. American generosity, as shown in contributions to these war relief funds, he said, will "plead loudest for the sincerity of our stand, and will go farther in the promotion of peace and good feeling among nations than anything else we could do."

Community War Chest is not only a part of winning the war, but a very important part of winning the peace. If you were bombed out of your home, in some war-torn country, you might

be inclined to look a little askance at these Americans, so secure and comfortable across the water. But if their gifts assured you that they felt for you, such feelings would disappear. Upon such cordial bonds depends much of post-war world security. It is our privilege to strengthen those bonds.—Jacksonville Journal.

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## LIVING WAR MEMORIALS

Recently the informative "On the Home Front" column, which appears daily in the News, was given over to an account of the many living war memorials which cities throughout the country are planning in honor of their war dead. Instead of marble shafts and cold bronze, the lives of our young men will be commemorated in useful public works, such as libraries, auditoriums, recreation centers, playgrounds, swimming pools, etc.

This same idea was expressed to us by a national recreation worker who addressed one of our civic clubs recently. Instead of spending large sums for mere statues, put that money into memorials which will serve the community, help to improve its children and adults and raise the standard of living.

Louisville did this after the last war. It erected a splendid civic auditorium in honor of its war dead. Relatives and friends of those who had given their lives contributed several hundred thousand dollars. The remainder was raised through a bond issue. The honor roll was given prominent display in the lobby of the auditorium.

Pensacola has been in need of a civic auditorium for many years and such a project should be one of its prime objects on its post-war list. It seems to us that to make such a structure a memorial to the men of Pensacola and of Escambia County who gave their lives to maintain freedom in a civilized world would be the best way to show our appreciation of their sacrifice and at the same time to invest in something which would benefit everyone in the community for years to come.

How much could be raised through contributions is a matter of conjecture. Perhaps no campaign should be made, but only the public notified that gifts would be welcomed. Despite the financial angle, however, the mere fact that the auditorium would be a memorial to war dead would stimulate interest in and enthusiasm for in the project.

Much preliminary work has been done in surveying various kinds of auditoriums throughout the country. The time is at hand when the project should be whipped into concrete form and placed before the public.—The Pensacola Journal.

There is a point to be made about the discovery of oil in Florida. The people of the State did not go wild with excitement when the discovery was announced. They have kept their feet on the ground. Does this fact indicate that the people of Florida will go into the post-war period keeping their balance? We like to feel that it does. There can be inflation excitement just as there can be oil excitement.—DeLand Sun-News.

## HELP AT PENSACOLA AGAINST DOG POISONERS

The most despised killer has always been the poisoner. His crimes are both cowardly and premeditated. It is therefore highly satisfactory to see the Pensacola Kennel Club run advertisements in the Pensacola Journal offering \$100 reward for arrest and conviction of dog poisoners.

The human victim of poison may have had reason to suspect the poisoner—and might have had some defense. Not so the dog. Any hand that feeds him is a friend.

Much heartache has been caused by dog poisoners. It has been caused to little boys and girls and it has been caused to grown men and women. Children have lost pets, protectors, men and women beloved friends.

"Only when it comes direct to you—can you realize what it means to lose your dog," the Pensacola advertisement reads.

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## WITHIN LIMITS

Two astronomers were discussing the limitations of space. One said, "There is no limit to space."

"No limit to space!" exclaimed the other.

"Well, practically none."

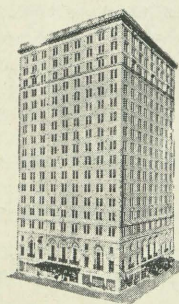
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## KIND WORDS FOR SNAKES

From Percy A. Morris, his friend and colleague of Yale's Peabody museum, Zoologist Marshall Bishop of Fort Myers has received a copy of a book just off the press that pleases the local rattlesnake milker no end. As attorney for the defense, Mr. Morris constructs a convincing story for snakes, his plea being that not only are they harmless and inoffensive, but actually beneficial to man. Many of the specimens illustrated in the volume entitled "They Hop and Crawl" came from Lee County, being supplied by Mr. Bishop, "without whose help," writes Author Morris, "this book would never have been written."

The Yale scientist follows much the same line of argument as that which Mr. Bishop has made familiar to those who have attended his lectures and demonstrations at his laboratory north of the Caloosahatchee. The fear of snakes, so Mr. Morris contends, is neither deep-rooted nor instinctive, but is wholly acquired. Mothers may be amazed to learn, as the book reveals, that very young children show no distaste for reptiles; quite to the contrary a baby will pick up and play with a pretty green snake as happily as with its rattle. Only after it gets old enough to hear the far-fetched spine-chilling yarns of its elders does the child develop a wholly unnatural dislike for all crawling things.

Perhaps a shade less amiable than Mr. Bishop in his opinion of the diamondback rattler, the Yale writer concedes that this member of the serpentine family is at times a bad actor. "Potentially deadly, yes, and by no means a snake to be fooled with," Mr. Morris says, "but it does not go out of its way to seek trouble." He points out that the reptile's whirring rattle is enough to warn prudent folks to keep their distance, though it "moves aside for neither man nor beast." Any Floridian who has encountered the diamondback in his liar will unreservedly confirm the scientist's observation that when man meets rattler "it is rarely the reptile that backs down." In fact they will go farther and say that in the interest of accuracy he should have used the word "never" instead of "rarely."

Refuting the common notion that snakes are slimy, creepy, poisonous creatures to be killed on sight, the Yale scientist illustrates and describes the activities of a number of those indigenous to Lee County. Among the types that are economically beneficial and "well worth knowing" Mr. Morris singles out such reptilian natives as the garter snake, the banded water snake (frequently mistaken for the cottonmouth moccasin) the black snake or "black racer," the king snake, the yellow rat (or chicken) snake and that "good natured friend of man," the gopher snake—"an exceptionally fine snake for a pet as it thrives in

captivity; while its large size, glistening blue-black scales and gentle demeanor make it a great favorite among those who rear serpents."

Most curious of all the specimens sent him by Mr. Bishop, writes Mr. Morris, is the horrendous-looking, but wholly harmless, hog-nosed snake, variously called the puff adder or sand viper. Here is the most monumental bluff of the whole reptilian family. Though it usually lies low and because of its coloration is seldom observed, the hog-nose when discovered makes no effort to escape. On the contrary, it erects its head, swells its neck to alarming proportions, takes an enormous breath which inflates the body to twice its normal size and then expels the air with a frightening hiss that can be heard for 50 feet. But, like the barking dog that never bites, the snake is nothing but a loud braggart, being in fact as harmless as a rabbit.

Should it turn out that this fearsome bluff does not scare off the intruder, hog-nose tries another trick. Alone among snakes he thereupon feigns death by "playing possum." The mouth flies open, the whole body writhes as if in agony, the reptile rolls over on its back and with a final

quiver of its tail plays dead. Except to laugh at his comical antics, advises Mr. Morris, pay him no mind for after all he's a good fellow and like his brother crawlers feeds upon insects, grubs and worms that destroy crops and gardens; even more, using the shovel-like nose from which it gets its name, this snake actually roots in the ground in pursuit of prey.

All in all the little volume is a convincing appeal to human beings to rid themselves of baseless fears and to give the ancient family of reptiles—they date back some 275,000,000 years—due credit for keeping rodents and other farm pests in check. What if now and then a snake robs a bird's nest or even requisitions a hen's eggs or a baby chick? When the balance is struck, maintains the zoologist, the good they do far outweighs the mischief they sometimes get into. When mankind compares the credits with the debits on his own moral ledger is his record in this world of "sweets and sour" any better, if as good? The distinguished Yale fellows—Morris and Bishop—have their doubts. And with that home thrust counsel for the defense rests.—Ft. Myers News-Press.

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Grover Morgan, jeweler of Winter Park reports that those driving towards the St. Johns in the early morning are likely to see from one to half a dozen wildcats along the highway.

Dr. Elwyn Evans, also of Winter Park told the Kiwanians there the other night that he had to stop his car one morning just before daylight to keep from hitting a panther dazed by his headlights.

Mr. Morgan urges hunters to try their skill on these marauders, which prey on turkeys, deer, quail and other game, and thus insure good hunting for themselves another year.

Seeing both these animals are meat eaters which hunt and eat every day in the year, we are inclined to endorse Mr. Morgan's advice, although we'd hate to see these denizens of the woods and swamps die out entirely, for they too are part of our original wildlife.—Orlando Sentinel.

## INCOMPETENT

The Florida supreme court has upheld a Dade County circuit court and the Dade school board in the dismissal of Edward O. Schweitzer as science teacher and dean of boys in Ada Merritt junior high school.

Schweitzer had allegedly made public statements to the effect that he was not willing to aid the United States in the war against Germany, Italy and Japan, either in combatant or noncombatant branches of the military forces.

The high tribunal held that unwillingness to bear arms and fight in defense of his country brands a teacher as incompetent to teach in the public schools of Florida; that it is the responsibility of every teacher to teach by precept and example . . . patriotism; that the "true test of patriotism can accurately be measured by a willingness to bear arms and fight in defense of his country."

The thousands of parents in this county with boys on the global battle fronts will understand and approve the findings of the supreme court.—Miami Herald.

## DIES IN HOLLAND ON DAY HIS SON IS BORN

Pfc. Clifford Armstrong, U. S. infantry, died of wounds suffered in action in Holland, Nov. 3—the same day that a baby son was born to his wife at Tallahassee, where he resided at time of enlistment.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Armstrong, formerly of St. Petersburg.

## OUR OLDEST CITY

The Florida cabinet has released funds for the restoration of St. Augustine. Some years ago the legislature appropriated \$50,000 to finance preliminary work on a project which ultimately will cost millions.

Only \$5,000 of the appropriation has been spent and the balance is now released to the St. Augustine Restoration and Preservation Association.

To restore the oldest city in the Nation to its original physical appearance is a project which should appeal to all the historical groups of the country, through whom the sponsors of the plan hope to raise the needed funds.

Williamsburg, Va., is perhaps the most notable restoration project so far completed in this country. The Rockefeller millions made this possible and to this true-to-type early colonial settlement thousands of visitors made their pilgrimage in pre-war years.

The restoration of St. Augustine is a post-war undertaking. When completed, it will be an asset to the State and to the Nation. Indeed, a restoration proposal of this magnitude is worthy of congressional attention.—Miami Daily News.

## FLORIDA RANCHING

One of the big cattle ranches of Florida, some 50,000 acres, is owned by a former Westerner, Tom C. Montgomery of Arcadia. Jimmy Burns writing in the Miami Herald recently said that this Western rancher came to Florida for several reasons, listing them thus:

Cattle can graze the year around on pasture grass.

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There are fewer hazards to cattle raising in Florida than in any other section of the country.

Montgomery, along with other ranchers, is going in for improved pasturage and airplanes have been used in sowing grass seeds after thousands of acres have been disced. The planes fly hedge-hop fashion, just as they do in dusting vegetable crops.—St. Augustine Record.

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## A JOB FOR THE LANDOWNERS

Regardless of how the upper court may rule with regard to property taken for taxes and the validity of titles passed by the State, it is evident the legislature must cure and clarify the confusion that will result.

When this law was pending this newspaper opposed certain features, such as the heavy penalty imposed on tax delinquents which constituted a barrier against their redemption of their own properties, a difficulty aggravated by the short period allowed for redemption.

The mere fact that the owners were in tax arrears was evidence that they were in some kind of financial distress of which the State takes advantage to deprive them of their property without due compensation, which seems to us a violation of fundamental law.

So it seems that in all fairness to citizens the legislature ought to make it easier for them to redeem their property instead of making it in some cases impossible, a clear invasion of private rights.

The lawmakers should study the implications of any court rulings that are on record between now and the next session, so that they may legislate further in the light of judicial opinion.

Seizing and selling people's homes because they can't pay taxes is a doubtful procedure at best and certainly the laws ought to be framed so that taxpayers may have a fair opportunity to set himself square with the State and county rather than be made the further victim of his own misfortune.

As it is, the cards are stacked against him and that does not appear to be in accord with the principle that government is established to protect civil rights, not put them into further jeopardy.—Orlando Morning Sentinel.

## ONLY ONE CLASS

The average American, when he talks about a just tax bill, means one that reduces his taxes and puts the load on somebody else.

Most of the so-called schemes for tax reform are designed to ease the burden of some group with little or no consideration of others who will have to pay more.

We are not in favor of any general tax reduction under present conditions and we are not in favor of any pet scheme cooked up to benefit a small minority group, whether it be big business, little business, or whatever-you-have-in-mind.

There is only one class, in our judgment, that deserves some consideration. This is the white collar class, a term loosely describing those who have had no salary increases of any consequence but have been burdened by heavier taxes and financial demands that grow out of the war.—Key West Citizen.

## QUICK TEST OF AMENDMENT ON CLOSED SHOP NEEDED

Before Florida voters ratified the so-called anti-closed shop amendment to the State constitution, The Times said the only sure thing about the proposal was that it would bring trouble the State could ill afford.

Now that the amendment officially has been declared adopted, the time for trouble is at hand. In fact, a number of employers who for years have signed closed shop agreements with labor unions under amicable conditions are wondering what to do with contract renewals.

The trouble can be of brief duration or it can last for years.

Attorney General Watson has said that he does not fear for the ultimate validity of the conglomeration of words the voters approved by a narrow margin. The American Federation of Labor, representing the majority of organized workers in Florida, says that it is positive of the amendment's conflict with the United States constitution and it will fight it "all the way to the United States supreme court."

It seems, then, that the way is clear for a relatively quick test of the amendment in the courts. How soon the test will come, however, will depend to a large extent on the Attorney General. Mr. Watson can either dilly-dally with the issue and encourage conflicts between employers and

unions, or he can, with his expressed confidence, get the issue before the courts by enforcement action.

Florida industry still has a big job to do for the war and an equally important job to do when peace comes. It can only be hoped that the passage of the amendment will bring a minimum of trouble to interrupt production machinery.—Tampa Daily Times.

## TANGERINE SYRUP

The Florida Citrus Commission says that syrup, rich in sugar and vitamins, and new type of beverage bases are among the uses found for cull and low grade tangerines. Chemists C. D. Adkins and E. L. Moore state that tangerine syrup, light brown and honey-like, high in vitamin C, can be bottled for home consumption. We may see this delicious drink on the market in the near future.—Florida Advocate.

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## COUNTY ACTIVITIES

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cerns the hairbreadth escape of a Pasco County farmer from a 400-pound bear found hiding in a thicket during a cow roundup. The farmer attempted to drive the bear out of the thicket on horseback. But the bear charged, struck at the horse with a huge front paw, gashed the horse's side and nearly ripped the blanket right out from under the saddle. The farmer leaped for safety, managed to summon help and then killed the bear, which was promptly skinned and cut into thick juicy steaks.

■ Cadet Clinton Reilly, Jr., son of County Commissioner Clint Reilly of Escambia County, won the sharpshooters medal in rifle shooting at Gordon Military College, Barnesville, Ga.

■ Volusia County spent \$48,856.96 last year on care of persons in need, in addition to \$11,000 contributed to the Volusia County health unit.

■ Work has started on the Flagler County canning plant on the high school grounds at Bunnell.

■ Palm Beach County is considering the purchase of additional ocean frontage on Singer Beach opposite Riviera Beach for park purposes.

■ Marion commissioners accepted with regret the resignation of County Engineer John E. Walker, Sr., after 22 years of service. Paul D. Simmons also resigned as convict captain.

■ Mrs. Margaret M. Green representing WMC proposed to Marion commissioners the opening of a prisoners of war camp in the county to meet labor requirements.

■ Dade commissioners signed 17 applications for liquor licenses but complained that they have little discretion.

■ The first crop of Bahia grass seed was harvested in Hernando County on the ranches of Sheriff Neil F. Law and County Commissioner John L. Ayers.

■ Bay County Commissioner Dee Williams reported that the spillway at Callaway Bayou has been completed.

■ Tax Assessor James M. Owens told Palm Beach County commissioners the county is still due \$15,000 as its share of intangible tax collections, disagreeing with the comptroller and attorney general.

■ Ted Cabot, Broward County clerk of court asked commissioners to increase his bond from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

■ Palm Beach County bought \$25,000 in war bonds, \$5,000 through a bank in each commissioner's district. Hillsborough County bought \$114,000 in war bonds, divided between Tampa and Plant City banks.

■ Joe K. Merrin submitted his resignation effective January 1 as county engineer to the Hillsborough County commission, to become associated with his brother in a consulting engineers service.

## COFFIN NAILS

The shortage of cigarettes has galvanized the Anti-Cigarette Alliance of Washington, D. C., into a frenzied campaign against "coffin nails." Part of the campaign is the sage advice proffered to those nicotine addicts who supposedly have enough common sense to want to emancipate their nervous system from the scourge of the filthy weed.

First, says the alliance, boil the poison out of the system by taking a steaming Turkish bath; next swallow a dose of mixed cream of tartar and Rochelle salts. The learned editor of The Fort Myers News-Press in performing a careful autopsy of this program, points out that these chemicals are otherwise known as Seidlitz powder and citrate of potash, respectively.

Then, continues the alliance, if the itch for smoking continues, chew a little gentian root—an herb reputed to have a slight narcotic effect; and finally avoid all places, such as bars, hotels and homes where tobacco fumes might be present to tempt the nostrils of the patient.

Well, if you want to take the cure, the line forms on the left.—St. Petersburg Independent.

## A SURE CURE

The city commission of Clearwater has revoked the licenses of two liquor sellers in the past two months for having sold intoxicants to minors.

This is the sort of action which gets results. Unless there is better enforcement of the liquor laws we may expect a public reaction to bars which bodes no good for the industry.

We know that there are numerous instances of law violations by Miami bars. Public attention has been called to these violations by the press time and again. Positive punitive action by the city authorities has been lacking.

Bars which sell liquor to minors or which permit minors to frequent their establishments should be closed. It would not take much effort on the part of an alert police force to arrest the offenders. Conviction should result in action by those who are clothed with the authority to revoke licenses.—Miami Daily News.

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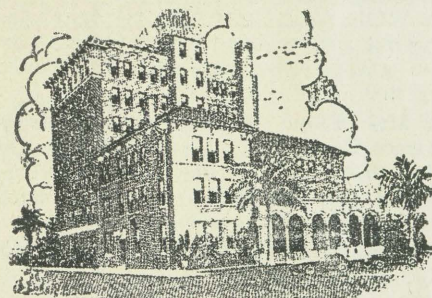
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## IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA

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participants threw snake eyes and his arm out of joint.

★ Two surprised Tampa youngsters, playing in a vacant lot, turned up a stack of Nazi propaganda leaflets.

★ A two-year-old boy fell from a third floor window of a downtown Miami hotel, was unhurt, except for a slight abrasion on one knee. A three-year-old St. Petersburg girl fell 15 feet, escaped with only a black eye.

★ More than 200 copies of the first annual report of the Tampa Economic Development Committee were ripped apart when it was found that the Tourist Committee had been quoted as recommending: "Street walking on the Bayshore." The word "street" was hastily corrected to red "stress" and the edition was completed.

★ The proprietor of a small St. Petersburg store has a parrot which has been carefully shielded from the sound of naughty words, except that one neighbor, to avoid the owner's vigilance, whispered to the parrot, "Go to hell." The parrot learned the phrase but utters it, the way he learned it, in a whisper.

★ A courtroom spectator offered to provide lodging for and thus rescued a 60-year-old, blind, former army colonel wounded in the Argonne, now a fiction writer, resident in Miami.

★ While a Jacksonville resident was buying a new license tag for his car, his garage—and car—were destroyed by fire.

★ Mrs. Floyd Washburn, came from Alsace-Lorraine to Sanford, as one of the first "war brides" after World War I. In World War II she is back in France as a member of the WAC.

★ Among articles offered, legitimately, for sale at a Jacksonville police property auction are: cigarettes, chewing gum, tires, bicycles.

★ A forged check trail at Tampa led to arrest of two 16-year-old girls. Their system was to steal temporarily the handbag of a neighbor and use the identification cards in it.

★ A Miami woman drowned in a lake near her home while attempting to rescue a pet parrot. Mounted members of the South Miami Riding Club attended the funeral, leading the riderless horse of the deceased.

★ A tourist at St. Petersburg made an unhappy illegal turn when he cut into the path of a motorcycle officer, hurled him 35 feet.

★ At Orlando a government engineer was struck by a car and the ambulance driving him to the hospital collided with another car.

★ Arrested for being drunk and disorderly in Miami a New York city mining executive, started to explain to the judge why he was in Baltimore and how important it was for him to

get to Miami. He had to look out the window at the tropical foliage before he could be convinced that he was already in Miami. He got one day in jail to get his geography straightened out.

★ Arthur Leon Woodham of Jacksonville is the first Florida veteran of World War II to obtain a home-building loan under the GI Bill of Rights.

★ Bold robbers used trucks to steal furnishings, clothing and fixtures, including the electric water pump, from a home at Sanlando Springs.

★ After seven months in the Navy, Able Seaman Bob Roberts, son of a lieutenant colonel wounded three times in this war, was discharged to go back to high school. He enlisted at 15.

★ Wounded soldiers in hospital at Camp Blanding had no Christmas shopping problem. Taught handicrafts, they made their own.

★ Thieves broke into a Tampa woman's parked car, took \$500 in bonds, an electric toaster, two suit cases and a packing box containing the only picture she had of her son who was killed in France. She has appealed to

the thief to return the picture and documents about his death.

★ Eefore she can follow her serviceman husband to his new station a former Sarasota girl must convince a jury that a diamond and sapphire ring, valued at \$2,900, was given to her by and not purloined from a former suit-

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or. In Palm Beach court was the question of which sister, Countess Ethel de Jumilhac or Mrs. Isabel Oates, is the owner of a diamond brooch.

★ A woman employe of the Orlando city clerk's office has a package of Japanese cigarettes sent to her by her brother-in-law from New Guinea. There is no suspicion that they contain any tobacco.

★ A prominent Orlando businessman died, leaving an estate of \$58,000, of which he bequeathed \$5 each to his two sons.

★ By error a post exchange shoe fitter at Orlando furnished one 8½ and one 9½ shoe to a GI who went happily off into obscurity. The very next day another appeared whose left foot was larger than the right. The mismatched shoes, left from the former error, fit him perfectly.

★ A Bible was stolen from a display counter in an Orlando store.

★ "Miss Chic," elephant bought with thousands of voluntary donations, mostly from school children for the Jacksonville zoo, is going without insurance since the \$3,000 policy on her life lapsed and no company was found willing to underwrite the risk.

★ A 14-year-old negro boy, wearing cowboy boots and spurs and a gaudy checked shirt, attracted a lot of attention as he rode a bicycle down an Orlando street—especially from detectives who recognized the stolen bicycle, eventually recovered a \$65 ring, a silver cigarette lighter, a \$60 watch, a flashlight and much clothing, all stolen in daylight.

★ As a Jacksonville council meeting adjourned at midnight, one councilman moved that the newspapers be asked to carry the hour of breaking up—to allay the suspicions of wives.

★ An airplane and an automobile collided on a Jacksonville street. The plane was being towed.

★ Publication of a Harlem picture in a national magazine led to extradition of a negro wanted in Tampa.

★ St. Petersburg junior college male students entered the annual beard-growing contest.

★ Major Forrest T. Knox, 28, of Nashville, Tenn., refused to accept retirement after loss of a leg in combat, asked at Miami for reassignment as a heavy bomber pilot.

★ Two cars broke through the red light at an Orlando railroad crossing. The first stalled on the track in the path of an oncoming train. The second collided with the first and both bumped off the track just in time.

#### A GREAT EDUCATOR DIES

Dr. Edward Conradi made an indelible impression upon higher education in Florida. He was the builder of the Florida State College for Women.

From the principalship of a public school in St. Petersburg, he went to the first presidency of the fledgling academy at Tallahassee. Beginning with a few hundred students, the College, under Dr. Conradi's 32 years as president has grown into a great institution with an enrollment of 2,000 young women. His life task accomplished, the great yet gentle educator retired in 1941, turning over to his successor, the able Dr. Doak S. Campbell, one of the best schools for the higher education of women in the entire Nation.

During his presidency, Dr. Conradi took the lead in numerous movements for the improvement of public education in the State, both in the higher and lower branches. He was a tower of strength for the teachers, among whom he was proud to be counted. Students at the college gave him unstinted support and admiration. Living near the

college, his home was always open to students and faculty. Since his retirement, he was frequently called into consultation about the policies and conduct of the institution.

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## THE GOVERNOR LOOKS AHEAD

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Governor Caldwell wants to help the reconversion of industry; to aid agriculture, forestry, commercial fishing; to advertise the State and bring in more winter visitors and residents; to expand the State's travel and transportation facilities—by train, highway, sea and air; to increase the demand for and sale of all Florida products.

It is essential, the governor believes, that we plan wisely to conserve our assets as well as to build up our trade. He feels keenly the dire need for conservation, both along the more established lines in connection with forests, game and fish, soils and minerals, and also in the fields new to Florida in connection with the fresh water supply, surface and artesian, and in connection with the State's potential supply of petroleum.

Governor Caldwell ties in the status of education, health and welfare, with these economic factors. He sees good schools, good health conditions and satisfactory solution of welfare problems, not only as pressing requirements from the point of view of our obligation to ourselves and our families but also as sound business investments paying dividends in hard cash.

"We can have no better sales argument," he has said, "than that Florida stands near the top of the list of States in education and health. The kind of people we want to attract here to live among us and help us build up a greater Florida are the kind of people who demand high standards in schools and health conditions. They want and they are willing to pay for the best advantages for themselves and for their children."

These things, Governor Caldwell always points out, cost money. The cost is not the only or even the most important consideration, he believes, but we can expect to get no more than we pay for. His approach to the problem of taxation is with an open mind except that he desires to make the burden as light as possible, avoiding real hardships.

"Taxation should not," Governor Caldwell says, "handicap any proper activity or enterprise. It should fall fairly and evenly but the taxpayer should not regard taxation for sound governmental purposes as a burden but rather as a paying investment. We can and we must get full value for every dollar spent by the State. As we do we shall find that every dollar spent will return a profit to our businessmen and to our working people."

It is Governor Caldwell's view that

industry and trade must be free from unreasonable and burdensome restrictions. In this category he places not only the old Southern handicaps of an unfair tariff and an inequitable freight rate differential but also newer regulations that fail to fit Florida's unusual climate and seasonal peaks.

Business must prosper to maintain payrolls and the general standard of living, he says. Business can prosper to its full potential, on a permanent basis, he concludes, only if we conserve our natural resources, build up our goodwill, increase our facilities, remove hampering restrictions, hold taxation within bearable limits, stimulate our trade by advertising and personal effort.

During the primary campaign, Governor Caldwell made no promises—either to individuals or to groups. He is still maintaining an open mind. He has announced no definite detailed conclusions in respect to any of the particular problems that must be solved in the next few months and years.

"We will do the very best we can with what we have to work with when the time comes," is what he said a year ago and what he says now.

Governor Caldwell is still listening. He is hearing all those who have the best interests of the State at heart and who would advance an idea to help make Florida greater and more prosperous. He is still calling on business and civic groups to put their heads together and agree on what is needed to increase the earnings of Florida's people. He has firmly in mind the general objectives and he is sifting and sorting the details.

The great majority of the people of Florida demonstrated months ago their confidence in Millard Caldwell. Even more of the people have learned in the last few months that he wants to do a good job for the State and its citizens. With the help and support of Floridians in all walks of life, Governor Millard F. Caldwell hopes and expects to do the job right.

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#### FOURTH ESTATE

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once a State authority with plenary powers to act in all water emergencies, subject always to court appeal.

It was further suggested that rather than a new board these powers should be extended to the Internal Improvement Board consisting of the governor and his cabinet, a view that was not opposed.

Reassuring was the evidence that both Mr. Holland and Mr. Caldwell understand the gravity and the menace of our declining reserves of fresh water and their evident sincerity of purpose in trying to have something done about it as soon as possible.

Mr. Holland pledged himself to continue to render whatever assistance he might after his term expires, while Mr. Caldwell is making and has made water control and conservation a major must in his preliminary study of his administrative program.

The Sentinel feels gratified to find that its sponsorship of a united program of water control has now received such high and wide support and that the acute situation which Central Florida, Inc., was organized to relieve now has such a fine chance of success.—Orlando Morning Sentinel.

#### The Vicious Circle

IN HIS BRILLIANT and vehement discourse on the injustice of the railroad freight structure, Governor-elect Caldwell laid hold of one of the most difficult dilemmas in the case when he said:

"Unfair freight rates mean that the Southern product, the Florida product, must sell at a higher price or must be produced at a lower cost than that made in the North. Because some competitors have cheaper power and lower freight rates, Florida can compete only by the indefensible practice of holding down wages."

Obviously this is undesirable. But the trouble is this: Because freight rates are high, the manufacturer's and agriculturalist's urge for survival causes him to pay low wages. Because he pays low wages the farmers and industrialists in the North charge him with unfair competition and hang on all the harder to their freight rate advantages.

It is a vicious circle, but somewhere somebody has got to break into it. And surely it should be broken into not at the point where the competitive unbalance is expressed in the laboring man's inability to earn a standard living, but

at the point where it is expressed in wholly artificial and discriminatory transportation charges. The situation would change almost overnight if the basic barriers to equal marketing opportunities were swept aside.—Miami Daily News.

#### New Governor's First Pick

**G**OVERNOR - ELECT CALDWELL'S first appointment goes to a Tampan—Carl B. Smith, well-known insurance man, who will succeed Boyce Williams as chairman of the State Industrial Commission. The appointment was made by Governor Holland, but the selection by Caldwell—an admirable instance of cooperation

between outgoing and incoming governors.

The governor-elect's first appointment corroborates his declaration that he would be guided in selections for appointive offices by fitness rather than by political reward or expediency. He said at the governor's luncheon here that he wouldn't appoint a man "just because he wanted a job," and that he would prefer a busy man, men successful in their own businesses. He has lived up to that announcement in the appointment of Mr. Smith.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

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And the comforting thing is that Millard Caldwell will take over with the same sort of rugged honesty and common sense. The Times believes, too, that a large majority of the men who will comprise the 1945 legislature intend to have no raiding of the coffers by special interests, or for nonessential public works.—Melbourne Times.

#### Honoring "Smokestack" Johnson

UP IN ESCAMBIA County last Saturday there was a meeting we would have attended had time and facilities permitted. We certainly were in Pensacola in spirit that day for the Young Democrats Club awarded a plaque to the outstanding man of the county in rendering party service.

That man is our very dear friend, Thomas A. ("Smokestack") Johnson, chairman of the State road board. He gets more fun out of politics than anybody we know and he is just about the smoothest article there is in politics, yet he will not deviate from the line set by his own sense of honor. He is meticulously honest and he uses the same conscience in politics that he uses in his daily work and on Sundays.

"Smokestack" is really not a politician. He is a political statesman and a diplomat. Long may he enjoy life—and politics.—Leesburg Commercial.

#### Caldwell Speaks Out

GOVERNOR-ELECT CALDWELL'S plea to the Florida Chamber of Commerce annual conference to fight against "indefensible freight rates and tariffs" bespeaks an administration that will be alert to this State's and section's needs and problems.

It is an old story with us in the South—these freight rates that shackle our industry and our agriculture. It is an encouraging sign that our State executives speak right out in meeting as Caldwell did at Tampa. The truth should be heard and heeded.

"Some of our Northern friends ask why it is that Southerners do not forget about the Civil War. It would be more to a point to ask why it is, that after the passage of so many decades in which the North and the South have fought side by side in three wars, that Southern States are still held in the grip of economic sanctions to punish them for the Act of Secession some 85 years ago. Why is it that Florida and other Southern States are still treated like captive provinces and are denied a fair chance to develop and prosper on equal terms with the rest of the Nation?"

This is not waving the bloody shirt. It is the voice of a great section of the United States not asking for favors but simply pleading for parity, for equal footing with the rest of the Union, in which to work out the destiny to which our natural resources and native genius entitle us.—Miami Herald.

#### Changing Governors

WITHIN THE NEXT few weeks, shortly after the beginning of the New Year, Florida will be changing governors.

At that time, Governor Spessard L. Holland, one of the best governors the State has ever had (some of us believe the very best) will be retiring to private life, probably to return to his home town of Bartow, unless he can find a place in some of the Nation's armed forces. He will be succeeded as governor by Millard F. Caldwell, the overwhelming choice of Florida voters for the highest position in the gift of his fellow citizens.

Never, perhaps, certainly never in the memory of this writer, has there been a change in governors of the State with such apparent good will and lack of friction as promises to be the case next January. The governor and the governor-elect have worked in harmony in preparing for and outlining the program which the new governor has in mind for his term of office. This is an unusual, and so far as this writer can remember, an unprecedented spirit of harmony between the outgoing and the incoming State administrations.

We shall not attempt to enumerate the many accomplishments of the Holland administration. They are well known to the citizens of Florida. No governor, we believe, ever retired with

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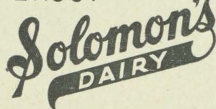
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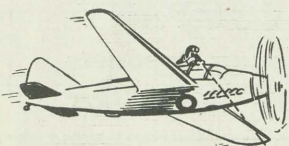
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greater unanimity of good will on the part of the entire citizenship of the State than Spessard L. Holland. No governor, we believe, ever entered upon his tenure of office with greater unanimity of good will than will be the case with Millard F. Caldwell.

This is a situation which augurs well for the good of the State. As governor, Mr. Caldwell will be faced with numerous trying and difficult situations arising from the transmission of the State from a wartime to a peacetime economy. Few men, we believe, are better qualified than he to meet such a situation. He will enter upon the duties of his office with the State in an all-time high so far as the financial situation is concerned. He has stated his determination to bring to his aid the most experienced minds in every line of business, profession and calling. He has already made a good start. We are confident that he will prove just what the people of Florida expect—a worthy successor to the outstanding governor whom he succeeds.

So, it is with regret that we bid adieu to one governor—with hope and faith that we hail a new one.—Polk County Democrat.

#### Congratulations, Governor

**THE TENDENCY OF** Governor-elect Millard Caldwell to get the impressions of his fellow-citizens over the State as to their ideas of what the State needs, and his oft-repeated statement that he must have the help of the citizens of this State to conduct the affairs of the State to the best possible advantage, mark him as a worthy successor to the best governor Florida has ever had—Spessard L. Holland.

Caldwell's job is not going to be an easy one, for during his administration this State and the Nation will be going through the throes of post-war readjustment. His policy of doing more listening than talking adds to his stature and when he talks he furnishes evidence that his utterances are based upon sound thought and logical reasoning.—Polk County Democrat.

#### Caldwell Sounds A Call

**G**OVERNOR-ELECT CALDWELL showed an awareness of Florida's problems of the immediate future in his discussion, at the State Chamber of Commerce meeting here, of the freight rate situation. Mr. Caldwell called on the business leaders of the State to organize for a determined fight on the discriminatory and destructive freight rate structure which is doing so much injury to Florida's commercial development and will do much more if it is maintained in the post-war period.

The incoming governor went so far in his resentment of unfair treatment of Florida and the South in freight rate and other discriminations as to

use the term "captive provinces" in alluding to the States of the South. Why, he asked, are these States "denied a fair chance to develop and prosper on equal terms with the rest of the Nation?"

The stirring speech of the governor-elect should stimulate stronger determination on the part of Florida organizations to demand and obtain a removal of the economic impediments which are obstructing commercial development of the State.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

#### NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES OVER STATE BUSINESS

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sion of the State legislature. Some inferences may be drawn from an examination of the personality of the new governor.

Millard Caldwell is direct, emphatic, pointed. His speeches are short and phrased in short sentences. He cuts

right through to the center of a problem without wasting time on the preliminaries. When he does not understand a situation, or see a solution to a problem, he says so. He has little patience with long-winded arguments and beating-around-the-bush. He likes for his visitors to say little more than "Hello," or "Good morning," before stating their business with economy of language. He likes to think over what he has heard for a minute or two, especially if it presents some novel idea or approach, before giving his answer. He is not long in making up his mind, however, and when he has stated his position, the matter is usually settled permanently.

He is one of Florida's most impressive and effective leaders but he relies more upon simplicity, directness and force than upon any cultivated devices of oratory or diplomacy. In his speeches he embarks upon no oratorical flights. In meetings he does not



Governor Holland and Governor Caldwell express spirit of close cooperation as administration changes.

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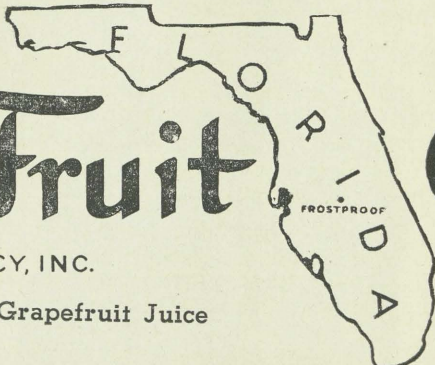
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charm or soothe his associates with elaborate courtesies. On both occasions he hits out hard and fast, with accuracy and with perfect timing. The method gets results because those who hear him recognize that he knows what he is talking about and that he means what he says.

Only those who do not know him well and who approach him from the wrong angle would gain the impression that Millard Caldwell is austere. He can act that way and he has but he can and does unbend.

One of the false rumors about Millard Caldwell current in the May primaries was to the effect that he was too aloof to reach and warm the hearts of the voters. This rumor may have been started in good faith by some of those who had seen him freezing or brushing off the professional political leeches that seek to attach themselves to promising candidates. It was not passed along by anyone who had seen his warm, friendly, gracious manner out among the good, honest folks that he learned to love, respect and admire in the little country towns in Tennessee and Virginia where he grew up or out in the vicinity of Milton, Florida, where he began the struggling practice of law about 20 years ago. Those down-to-earth people understand Millard Caldwell and they stick by him through thick and thin. It was a deep mystery to many veteran politicians when they saw the magic of his contact with the real people working throughout the State as it had always worked in the old Third Congressional District.

Governor Caldwell has, of course, warm friends in all walks of life—some rich and powerful, some poor and weak. They have this in common, however: They supported Millard Caldwell because they liked him and had faith in him, not for petty selfish reasons.

As all governors have had, Governor Caldwell has his share of self-seeking supporters—band-wagon riders and high siders. As he takes hold of his new duties, there will be wails of anguish from some of those who backed his candidacy for what they thought they might be able to get out of it. They know full well that they were promised nothing but they may be bitter when they get no more than they were promised.

The new governor is free. His hands are untied. He owes nothing to anyone. He is in there to do a job and he has what it takes to do it.

## WAR ROMANCE

The boss, short of help, was urging his secretary to postpone her marriage.

"Can't you ask the young man to wait a few weeks," he queried.

"No," she said. "I don't feel I know him that well."—Coronet.

## STATE-WIDE ADVERTISING

Ground swells from various sections of Florida indicate that a strong movement will be made in the 1945 legislature for the creation of a real State-wide advertising fund.

The Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce has been behind such a plan for a long time. Saxton Lloyd of Daytona Beach has been busily engaged in promoting a proposal and others are known to have projects in mind.

Recently Mayor John T. Alsop of Jacksonville, and City Commissioner Fred W. Hosea of Miami, jointly endorsed a \$1,000,000 State-wide advertising fund. When the city officials of two of Florida's leading but competing cities can get together on a proposition, it must be beneficial for the whole State.

It behooves Florida to take some concerted action on this matter. This State has enjoyed a tremendous tourist business, drawn mostly by advertising done by individual cities. But now other States have awakened to the advantages of advertising. North Carolina, New Mexico, Arizona and, of course, California, conduct large campaigns and are profiting thereby.

Florida also will have stiff competition after the war from tropical countries and even from places abroad which can be reached in a few hours by plane. Cuba, other islands in the West Indies and the South American countries will draw many from this country when de luxe air travel is available.

Now is the time for Florida to develop a real tourist promotion campaign and advertising is the foundation for any such program.—Pensacola News-Journal.

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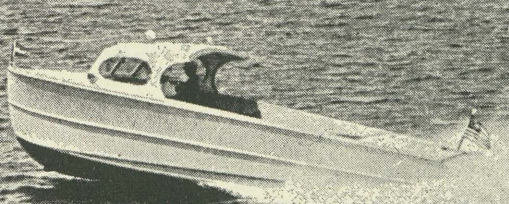
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# Federal Order Closing Race Tracks Will Affect State Tax Revenues

**G**OVERNOR-ELECT Millard Caldwell, upon hearing the news of the Federal order closing horse racing tracks, said that it means "new sources" of State revenue will have to be tapped to raise school teachers' salaries and accomplish other contemplated advancements.

Caldwell, who will become governor the day before the war mobilization director's order becomes effective on Jan. 3, said suspension of racing in Florida will "wipe out" much of the \$7,500,000 State general revenue fund balance.

Most of the general revenue surplus was built up by the cigarette tax which Gov. Holland asked the 1943 legislature to levy to replace losses from suspended racing the year before and anticipated losses from no racing in 1943.

The tracks operated last year, however, and turned a record tax total of nearly \$7,000,000 into the State treasury, partially for equal division among the counties and partly for the old age assistance program. The cigarette tax collections then became available for other purposes.

Caldwell and many members of the legislature have pledged themselves to support a program for increasing school finances by about \$5,000,000 a year, and the general revenue fund balance is about the only place where it is available at present.

The racing suspension order, Caldwell said, "will wipe out much of that general revenue balance." The counties and old age assistance programs have a priority call on the general fund to replace racing losses that might be sustained.

"On top of that," Mr. Caldwell declared, "it will be a serious blow to efforts to accomplish further progress in several lines.

"It is impossible to say yet what the full effect will be, but even with racing going on as normal it would be necessary to raise additional revenue to put the school system on a sound financial footing and to accomplish some other advancements that we planned and now contemplate.

"These new sources will have to be tapped even more now to make up the deficit."

The State takes a tax of three percent on every bet placed at all race tracks for distribution among the counties. An additional five percent tax is taken from horse race bets only for the old age assistance program.

Gov. Spessard Holland said that the Florida public revenue loss from closing race tracks under a Federal order "will hurt the post-war picture and

the communities affected" but the resulting deficit "won't be more than half of what we have in the general fund."

"If the tracks do have to close," he said, "we will have funds on hand to take care of the counties and maintain old age assistance payments at their present level."

The 67 counties are guaranteed \$33,000 each and the old age assistance program is guaranteed \$2,000,000 a year from the general revenue fund if racing doesn't produce that much.

Holland estimated the general revenue fund will have a balance of between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 when his term ends Jan. 2. The comptroller's office reported a balance of \$7,400,000 December 22 and transfers in the next few days will swell that amount.

Holland estimated racing already this season will have produced from \$1,000,000 to \$1,128,000 in State taxes by Jan. 3, when the closing order is effective. The receipts from dog racing tracks that have been operating for several weeks were about 60 percent ahead of last year, he declared.

"I am really sure that the deficit to be met won't be more than half of what we have in the general revenue fund," he declared.

## FLORIDA'S \$27,000,000

"The biggest treasury balance in Florida's history was stacked up at the end of the fiscal year, says Comptroller J. M. Lee in his annual report. The exact figure is—take a breath—\$27,299,656, and Mr. Lee says this represents "the finest financial condition ever attained in its history."

Only about six and a quarter million is in the general revenue fund, but this is an increase over last year of more than a million dollars.

Florida enters the post-war period solidly and soundly in the black. Sensible planning can keep it that way. ||

## WRITE IT FLORIDA

State realtors and other organizations are continuing a campaign in Florida to induce people to spell the name in full and not to use the abbreviated "Fla." It is pointed out that postal authorities have always urged the full name, to avoid confusion frequently resulting from use of an abbreviation of State names. But appeal now is made largely on the beauty of the full name "Florida" as contrasted with the meaningless abbreviation.

Printers throughout the State, civic organizations in all sections and many women's organizations have endorsed the idea. Let's all write it "Florida."—Titusville Star-Advocate.

## BETTER GAME BIRDS

We are in sympathy with the proposal of John Clardy, fish and game commissioner of Ocala, as related to Herb Mosher that there should be an attempt to breed a pheasant that would thrive in the wild under Florida conditions.

The pheasant is a wild bird, being only incompletely domesticated at best but none of the prevailing species have been able to naturalize in our woodlands, including the ringneck and the golden.

But that does not mean a strain cannot be developed that would thrive here and provide a new game bird for those who like to hunt as well as to enroll a newcomer on the scroll of our wildlife.

And while we are on the subject, having seen many fowls bred for larger size, why not also breed a native quail of larger size as could no doubt be done by methods similar to those which have produced chickens of larger size?

The State is breeding quail in many places to be set free for the purpose of restocking depleted ranges and it would require very little extra cost to breed likewise for greater size. Or maybe that is already being done.—Orlando Sentinel.

## A MILLION FOR ADVERTISING

Jacksonville's Mayor Alsop, in opening the conference of the Florida League of Municipalities here yesterday, urged the city government representatives to memorialize the coming State legislature in favor of a million-dollar advertising budget for Florida. While no definite action has yet been taken on the mayor's proposal, it was well received and will probably be complied with.

We know of no other matter facing the State solons which should have more complete support from all around the State. As Mayor Alsop pointed out, Florida's present advertising allowance is small when compared even to those of some cities. Competition for domestic tourist trade is going to be stiff after the war, and Florida cannot blow its horn too loudly.—Jacksonville Journal.

## SAME WORDS

One of the witnesses in a case was an old darky, who was submitted to a short cross-examination.

"Did the defendant use improper language when he was beating his horses?" asked the lawyer.

"Well, he talk mighty loud, suh."

"Did he indulge in profanity?" The witness seemed puzzled, and the lawyer put the question in another form: "Uncle Amos, what I want to know is, did he use words that would be proper for your minister to use in a sermon?"

"Oh, yes, suh," the old man replied, with a grin that revealed the width of his immense mouth, "but they'd have to be 'rang'd diff'rent."



## FLORIDA RANKS 34TH IN EXPENDITURE PER CLASSROOM

In the last pre-war year Florida ranked 34th among the States in the amount of expenditure per classroom unit, it was disclosed at a meeting of the Florida Citizens Committee on Education held in Jacksonville. The meeting was the third held by the committee since its appointment by Gov. Holland.

Florida's expenditure per classroom unit was between \$1,200 and \$1,300, compared to the Nation's average of between \$1,600 and \$1,700. The range per classroom in the State was between \$300 and \$2,200. In about one-third of the classrooms the amount was less than \$1,000 each. The amount necessary to bring Florida classrooms up to the national average would have been more than \$6,000,000 in the last pre-war year.

At this meeting it was revealed that Florida is the only State which has not yet established a plan of State aid tending to correct this unequal condition through State assistance to provide a minimum program of education in each county.

The committee on education plans to meet again Jan. 13, at which time they will consider a financial program to be recommended to the next session of the legislature.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Booth is mighty glad folks in Pinellas County are staying out of trouble but wishes, deep down, that a few more would run afoul of the law sufficiently to solve the labor problem at the county jail. As chief of the county road gangs, Deputy Booth depends for his help on county prisoners able to do manual labor in working out their fines. Lately, however, the jail population has gone down and down until there were only 40 prisoners in the bastille last night and more than half of these are women and physically unfit. "It isn't fair," Booth complained, "because there is a whale of a lot of work to be done on the roads and out at the county farm."

Brazil has about 22 percent of the world's estimated iron reserves.

It takes about five tons of coal to make a ton of synthetic gasoline.

## FLORIDA'S FIRST FAMILY

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Susan is also perfectly at home on a horse either with or without a saddle. Both girls wear overalls and checked flannel shirts when they are romping about the plantation and they used to ride the tractor and participate in some of the farm activities.

Congenial interests are particularly noticeable in the life of Florida's first family. Their everyday activities are the natural outgrowth of their mutual interests.

## WILL TELLS STORY OF MAN WHO DRESSED AS HE PLEASED

There are few Tampans who didn't know by sight the friendly looking, individualistic old man who walked around downtown streets in shorts.

But not many of them knew his name was Frederic Emerson Farrar or anything of the interesting story of his life, which was partly revealed with the filing of probate papers on his estimated \$10,000 estate. Probably there were only a few persons who knew that he died on Nov. 7 at the age of 80.

As Mr. Farrar told John Bull, Tampa attorney who advised the elderly man for many years and who was named as executor of the estate in the will, he came to Tampa "to die" about 30 years ago.

He probably felt that he deserved a rest after a full life as a music and voice teacher and composer, Mr. Bull explained. Educated in Europe, Mr. Farrar taught at Ward Seminary, now combined into Ward-Belmont, in Nashville for many years. He also served as music critic on Nashville papers.

Most of the estate, Mr. Bull said is in stocks and bonds, purchased with accumulated savings from a trust fund and from royalties from his compositions.

Although Mr. Farrar has two living cousins, Arnold Enser Pond, Southborough, Mass., and Benjamin Pond, Hudson, Mass., his will provided that his estate be divided between a friend, Mrs. Eva Dora Sims, Washington, and Robert Theodore Davison, 4204 Suwanee Ave., a business machine repairman who used to live with Mr. Farrar at the YMCA. Mr. Davison also was bequeathed Mr. Farrar's personal effects.

In his will, the retired musician, who was living at the YMCA at the time of his death provided for the cremation of his body and burial in a Tampa mausoleum park with no funeral service and no flowers.

Synthetic rubber was developed and used in civilian tires more than a year before Pearl Harbor.

A quarter of a century ago, school children were dismissed to see passing automobiles.

## NEW BUS LINE

Jacksonville's demonstration of its desire to see what a new bus company can do for the transportation situation, in yesterday's special election, was overwhelming. In the largest turnout ever experienced in a special election, voters approved the franchise for the Jacksonville Coach Company by about six to one.

The next step for the new company will be the securing of approval from the Office of Defense Transportation for the purchase of the 200 buses which they say are on order, and for the gasoline and tires to run on. It is the duty of ODT to apportion these supplies among various cities in need of them, and it is to be hoped Jacksonville's needs will be considered of urgent nature.

Finally, there will need to be careful planning of routes which will relieve present congestion without unnecessary duplication and conflict.

As was stressed during the campaign, these are local business men who have organized the new concern. Jacksonville has a right to expect of them the best service which they are capable of giving.—Jacksonville Journal.

## NAZI PRISONERS OF WAR SAVE PEANUTS

Florida peanut crop this year was German harvested, the Army reported.

Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command, with headquarters in Atlanta credited German prisoners of war with saving a large portion of the 1944 crop in Florida and four other Southeastern States.

He valued the harvest at \$6,864,256, which, he said, about doubled the prisoners' work of last year. A total of 3,802 acres were harvested in this State, with a crop valuation of \$243,328.

Gen. Uhl said 11,050 prisoners were assigned to camps in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina where civilian labor was not available.

Lightning starts ten percent of the forest fires in the United States each year.

The exact origin of the cocoa tree has never been established.

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# Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

HELD AT TALLAHASSEE NOVEMBER 20, 1944

The State Road Department of Florida held its regular meeting for the fourth Quarter of the year 1944, at Tallahassee, on the 20th day of November, with the following members and officials in attendance:

Thos. A. Johnson, Chairman; Jack F. Townsend, James R. Stockton, O. G. Lindsey, C. Fred Ward, Members; H. H. Baskin, Secretary; L. A. Fraleigh, Jr., Assistant Secretary; J. H. Dowling, State Highway Engineer; L. K. Cannon, Assistant Highway Engineer; N. L. Bryan, Federal Aid Engineer; E. S. Fraser, Bridge Engineer; W. M. Parker, Engineer Research and Records; C. J. DeCamps, Engineer Right of Way; J. W. Allen, J. R. Slade, H. H. McCallum, N. S. Emery, P. L. Hoskins, Division Engineers; T. M. Shackelford, Jr., Attorney; G. T. Shannon, T. Paine Kelley, Assistant Attorneys; R. J. Waterston, Jr., Auditor.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the minutes of the meeting held at Orlando on October 12 were approved.

## APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates, as hereinafter indicated, receive bids for the construction of certain projects and for the furnishing of certain materials and certain equipment, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows, to-wit:

### Construction

#### Bids received October 17

0403-103, 86, DeSoto, Brinson Const. Co., \$99,101.37.

3807-102, 69, Taylor, Langston Const. Co., \$48,351.24.

9103-901 & 9104-901, 29, Okeechobee, Hall & Caddell, \$20,533.31.

5303-106, 20, Jackson, Coggin & Deermont, \$9,833.50.

3807-103, 69, Taylor, Wainer Const. Co., \$37,539.65.

DA-NR 41-A(1) 554, Brevard, Langston Const. Co., \$22,817.05.

#### Bids received Nov. 15

8612-103, 149, Broward, R. B. Tyler Co., \$49,576.55.

### Materials

#### Bids received October 24

5803-105, 53-10, Santa Rosa, Cutback Asph., Pan Am., Petrol. Corp., \$4,774.00.

#### Bids received November 13

6010-104, 88, Walton, Cutback Asph., Pan Am. Petrol. Corp., \$2,362.50.

### Equipment

#### Bids received October 25

Gasoline Powered Portable Tandem Roller FOB St. Augustine, Fla. Equipment Co., \$2,962.70.

Two Drum Gasoline Hoists 40 H. P. Engine Mounted FOB St. Augustine, Fla. Equipment Co., \$1,108.78. FOB DeFuniak Springs, Fla. Equipment Co., \$1,110.63.

Diesel Type H. D. Motor Patrols, FOB DeLand, Fla. Equipment Co., \$5,136.26. FOB Tampa, Fla. Equipment Co., \$5,141.26.

## APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following Supplemental Agreements were approved:

DA-NR 3-B(1), 3, Access, Clay, M. J. Carroll Contr. Co., \$75.00 Increase.

Job. 3708-102, 112, State, Suwannee, Ryan Constr. Co., \$18.00 Increase.

DA-NR 30(1), 583, Access, Escambia, Noonan Constr. Co., \$88.00 Decrease.

Jobs. 4802-104 & 5705-105 & 5805-108, 1, 54, 37, Escambia, Okaloosa & Santa Rosa, Smith Eng. & Constr. Co., \$494.05 Decrease.

## APPROVAL OF MEMBERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following expense accounts of the Members were approved and ordered paid:

Johnson, 10-11 to 10-15	\$ 32.60
Townsend, 6-8 to 9-26	109.80
Stockton, 10-11 to 10-12	27.80
Stockton, 10-22 to 10-24	32.30
Lindsey, 10-11 to 10-31	22.15
Ward, 9-8 to 10-25	36.95

## REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY

On motion and second of the Members indicated, the following resolutions were adopted asking for right of way:

Brevard County, Road 70, Section 7010, Ward, Townsend.

Clay County, Road 259, Proj. DA-NC 44-A(1), Stockton, Ward.

Collier County, Road 164, Section 0308, Lindsey, Ward.

Duval County, Road 139, Section 7217, Stockton, Ward.

Duval County, Road 553, Section 7222, Stockton, Ward.

Hamilton County Road 2, Section 3201, Stockton, Ward.

Hendry County, Road 164, Section 0706, Townsend, Lindsey.

Hillsborough County, Road 613, Proj. DAWR 31-B(1), Townsend, Lindsey.

Okaloosa County, Road 10-115, Section 5703, Stockton, Lindsey.

Polk County, Road 8, Section 1609, Townsend, Stockton.

Polk County, Road 17, Proj. 675 (Sec. 1601), Townsend, Lindsey.

Walton County, Road 213, Proj. 5653, Townsend, Lindsey.

## CLOSING OF ROAD 10 AT EGLIN FIELD EXTENSION OF TIME

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the State Road Department of Florida, under date of February 27, 1942, did receive a certificate from the State Defense Council of the State of Florida, under provisions of Chapter 20674, Acts of 1941, Laws of Florida, granting the right to close that portion of State Road 10 described as follows: "Extending from the North boundary of U. S. Military Reservation known as Eglin Field, situate in Okaloosa County, Florida, near the South boundary of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 22 West to a point near the South boundary of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 23 West;" and

WHEREAS, the Department did enter its resolution on the 27th day of February, 1942 granting the right to close the said road, provided the U. S. Military Authorities would provide, within a period of six months from said date, an alternative route of connection of similar specifications for said portion of said Road 10 described in the said certificate, and dedicate the same as a part of State Road 10; and

WHEREAS, the alternative route of connection was thereafter constructed at the cost of the U. S. Military Authorities, but not within the period of time specified in the former resolution; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Military authorities now request that the State Road Department of Florida accept the said alternative route which has heretofore been provided and been accepted by the State Road Department, and to order the portion of State Road

10 specified in the certificate of the State Defense Council to be closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that portion of State Road 10 described as follows: "Extending from the North boundary of U. S. Army Military Reservation known as Eglin Field, situate in Okaloosa County, Florida, near the South boundary of Section 18, Township 1 South, Range 22 West to a point near the South boundary of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 23 West," be forever closed, vacated and abandoned and perpetually dedicated for the U. S. Military Reservation known as Eglin Field, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the U. S. Military Authorities shall provide suitable means of ingress and egress at all times to the unclosed portion of State Road 10 or said alternative route of connection of State Road 10 to all persons residing in the vicinity of the closed portion of State Road 10 who would otherwise be denied ingress and egress therefrom by the closure of the said portion of State Road 10.

## PURCHASE OF MATHERS BRIDGE—BREVARD COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, at the Regular Meeting of the Department held on April 10, 1944, a resolution was adopted authorizing the purchase of that certain toll bridge known as the Mathers Bridge, constructed across Banana River, and upon and along the route of State Road No. 219 in Brevard County, Florida, and the Chairman of the Department was authorized and directed to negotiate with the owners of the bridge for the purchase thereof at a sum not to exceed \$12,000.00, including all machinery, appliances, equipment, fixtures, buildings, vehicles and other accessories used and employed in connection with the operation and maintenance of the bridge, the price to be paid out of the 80 percent Surplus Second Gasoline Tax Fund accruing to the State Road Department to the credit of Brevard County, and authorizing the Chairman of the Department to enter into such undertakings, agreements and commitments as he might consider proper in the premises; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said resolution, the Chairman of the Department has completed negotiations with the owners of the said bridge and accessories for the purchase thereof at and for the price of \$12,000.00, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the completion of the said negotiations certain damage was done to the bridge by a tow passing through the draw thereof, to the estimated extent of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the bridge have agreed in writing to abate the purchase price agreed upon for the said bridge in the sum of \$500.00 to cover the cost of repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney for the Department has certified that upon delivery of deeds duly executed by the heirs of John R. Mathers, deceased, and the Trustees of the properties of Banana River Bridge Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, dissolved by operation of law, the fee simple unencumbered title to the bridge and its accessories will become vested in the State of Florida for the use of the State Road Department as a part of State Road No. 219;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That all action taken and things done by the Chairman of the Department under the authority of the resolution adopted April 10, 1944, be ratified and confirmed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the delivery of deeds of conveyance, legally executed by the heirs of John R. Mathers, deceased, and by the Trustees of the proper-



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ties of Banana River Bridge Company, to the State of Florida, of the said bridge property and accessories, that there shall be paid to Joe W. Mathers, as Trustee for the heirs of John R. Mathers, deceased, and as Trustee of the properties of Banana River Bridge Company, a dissolved corporation, the sum of \$11,500.00 out of the 80 percent Surplus Second Gasoline Tax Fund accruing to the State Road Department to the credit of Brevard County, to Joe W. Mathers, as Trustee aforesaid, as the purchase price of the said bridge.

#### COMPLETION OF PURCHASE OF HECKSCHER DRIVE—DUVAL COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, by resolution duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the State Road Department, held on the 25th day of October, 1943, it was resolved that the State Road Department purchase, under terms and conditions set out in the said resolution, that certain toll road located in Duval County, Florida, known as the Heckscher Drive, together with other adjacent lands, at and for the sum of \$122,500.00 in cash, to be paid out of the 80 percent Surplus Funds allocated for State roads in Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, acting under the authority of the said resolution the Chairman of the State Road Department did enter into an agreement with the North Shore Corporation, the owner of the said toll road, for the purchase thereof upon full compliance by the North Shore Corporation with all of the conditions, covenants and agreements in said contract recited, at and for the said price of \$122,500.00; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, by resolution duly adopted by the State Road Department at a Regular Meeting of the Department held on the 9th day of December, 1943, the said Department did accept partial performance of the said agreement of purchase, and did authorize the payment to the North Shore Corporation a part of the agreed purchase price of the said toll road, to-wit, the sum of \$61,250.00, conditioned upon the full performance by the said North Shore Corporation to all of the terms, conditions, covenants and agreements in the said contract of purchase set forth; and

WHEREAS, the North Shore Corporation has fully complied and performed all of the undertakings assumed by it under the terms of the said contract of purchase, and has delivered to the State Road Department legally executed deeds of conveyance to the State of Florida to all of the lands and other properties comprising the said toll road, and to all of the other lands agreed to be conveyed, and has furnished to the Department a policy of insurance issued to the State of Florida by Title and Trust Company of Florida in the sum of \$122,500.00, insuring the title to all of the lands conveyed to the State of Florida in connection with the said purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all actions taken and things done by the Chairman of the State Road Department in and about the purchase of the said toll road and adjacent lands be ratified, confirmed and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Road Department shall pay to the North Shore Corporation the sum of \$61,250.00 out of the 80 percent Surplus Funds allocated for State roads in Duval County, Florida, the said sum being the balance of the purchase price of the said toll road and adjacent lands.

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY ROAD FROM BOCA RATON

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the invoice presented by Palm Beach County for asphalt and prime coat for the county road west from Boca Raton, in the sum of \$6,312.44, was approved for payment from routine maintenance funds.

#### CLOSURE OF ROAD 64 THROUGH PINELLAS COUNTY AIRPORT

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the matter of the closure of Road

64 through the Pinellas County Airport was referred to the Legal Department and the Chairman, with authority to handle with Mr. H. C. Tillman, Special Attorney of the Land Division, Department of Justice.

#### MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROAD 34 IN POLK COUNTY

Mr. Townsend introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, which motion was seconded by Mr. Lindsey and upon roll call was adopted:

WHEREAS, the State Road Department of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Department, did in the month of July 1937 enter into an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the County, to take over for maintenance that part of State Road No. 34 from the City of Lakeland to the Pasco County line at such time as the Department should be furnished by the County with satisfactory right of way therefor; and

WHEREAS it was also agreed by the Department in January 1941 that that part of said State Road No. 34 beginning with its intersection with State Road No. 17 in the City of Lakeland and extending south to its intersection with State Road No. 79 in the City of Mulberry and thence extending south to its intersection with State Road No. 30 at the town of Brewster would also be taken over for maintenance by the Department at such time as the Department should be furnished by the County with satisfactory right of way therefor; and

WHEREAS it was also agreed that the County employ Mr. C. P. Robinson of Lake-

land, Florida, formerly Location Engineer with the Department, to make a complete right of way survey for said State Road No. 34 from Lakeland south to the Manatee County line at the expense of the County; and

WHEREAS such survey has long since been completed at the expense of the County and approved by the State Highway Engineer; and

WHEREAS proper right of way deeds therefor have been prepared by the Department, most of which have been secured by the County at its own expense; and

WHEREAS the Department and the County have heretofore entered into agreements wherein the County would secure the services of said C. P. Robinson to make the proper right of way surveys for the following State Roads, or portions thereof, in Polk County, to-wit: State Road No. 79 from the Polk-Hillsborough County line east to Kissimmee River; State Road No. 34 from the Polk-Pasco County line south to the Manatee County line; State Road No. 8 from the City of Haines City south to the City of Frostproof; State Road No. 215 from the Town of Polk City to the Town of Lake Alfred; and State Road No. 30 from the City of Frostproof to the City of Ft. Meade; and

WHEREAS all of said right of way surveys have long since been completed and approved by the State Highway Engineer; and

WHEREAS the County has paid all of the costs and expenses in connection with such surveys; and

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ing of such surveys that the Department would reimburse the County for its costs expended on a large portion of such surveys, and that such reimbursement to the County by the Department has not yet been made; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of said State Road No. 34 between the City of Lakeland and the Polk-Pasco County line is now under construction; and

WHEREAS the County has offered to forego its claim for maintenance of that part of said State Road No. 34 north of the City of Lakeland as agreed upon by the Department in July 1937 and to also release the Department from any and all claims which the County now has for reimbursement by the Department for costs expended by the County in the right of way surveys of said State Roads, provided the Department will immediately as hereinafter stated take over as they had previously agreed to do for maintenance that part of said State Road No. 34 from the City of Lakeland south to the town of Brewster; and

WHEREAS such portion of said State Road No. 34 serves most of the phosphate mining interests in Polk County, whose mining operations are of invaluable assistance to the war effort; and

WHEREAS it is to the Department's interest and benefit to accept the offer of the County as above set forth; and

WHEREAS the above maintenance agreements were entered into by the Department and the County long before the present rule of the Department was adopted relative to not taking over for maintenance any additional designated State Roads,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department of Florida, in open session that the Department does hereby take over for maintenance that part of State Road No. 34 in Polk County, Florida, beginning with its intersection with State Road No. 17 in the City of Lakeland and extending south to its intersection with State Road No. 79 in the City of Mulberry and thence continuing south to its intersection with State Road No. 30 at the town of Brewster, and that actual maintenance of that part of such road from its intersection with State Road No. 17 in the City of Lakeland south to its intersection with State Road No. 79 in the City of Mulberry shall begin when the County shall have furnished the Department with all of the right of way therefor as set forth and described in Project No. 5719 of State Road No. 34, and that actual maintenance of that part of such road from its intersection with State Road No. 79 in the City of Mulberry south to its intersection with State Road No. 30 at the town of Brewster shall begin when the County shall have furnished the Department with all of the right of way therefor as set forth and described in Project 5687 of State Road No. 34.

#### **PURCHASE OF UNITED STATES SECURITIES**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the State Road Department has set up its financial program with reference to the building and maintenance of State Roads and the purchase of roads and bridges for the period of the year 1944; and

WHEREAS, the State Road Department has to its credit in the Treasury of the State of Florida in the State Road License Fund—Gasoline, monies which cannot be expended under its financial program because of the war emergency within the period of one year; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the said monies may not be required for the purpose of carrying into effect its financial program for any definite period of time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the State Road Department be authorized and directed to purchase, with the approval of the Governor, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer of the State, for the account of the Department out of the money to the credit of the Department with the Treasurer in the State Road License Fund—Gasoline United States 7/8 percent Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series H—1945, in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$2,000,000.00, the same to be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Department in lieu of the money so expended.

#### **CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF VENETIAN CAUSEWAY—MIAMI**

The Secretary presented communications from M. Allen Barth, President, and Noble H. Parker, Secretary, Venetian Islands Improvement Association, Miami Beach, in which they protested the acquisition of Venetian Causeway by the State for the purpose of making it a part of the public highway system; also a letter from the Civic League of Miami Beach, signed by Harry Zukernick and Charles S. Tobin, favoring the acquisition of the Venetian Causeway for public highway purposes. No action was

taken by the Board on this matter at this time.

#### **DELEGATION FROM THE BEE LINE HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION**

The delegation appearing in the interest of the Bee Line Highway included the following from the Association: J. A. Whiting, Tampa, President; M. W. Woolsey, Lakeland, Chairman of Board of Directors; E. G. Burton, Sebring, Vice President; Ed Hasti, Sebring, Director; and J. G. Waite, Tampa, Member of the Committee.

Mr. Whiting extending an invitation to all Members of the present Board to be present at a barbecue in Sebring the latter part of January. He introduced Mr. Woolsey. Mr. Woolsey filed a map showing the suggested location of the Bee Line Highway, and pointed out how this route taps farming districts in Hardee and Highlands Counties, also around Lake Istokpoga and the large Okeechobee district. He requested that the eastern end of this highway, from Sebring to West Palm Beach, be constructed first, there being about 86 construction miles of this road. He advised that the construction and maintenance costs would be low and the road would tap the lower east coast and would open up some north and south connections. He also suggested that it might



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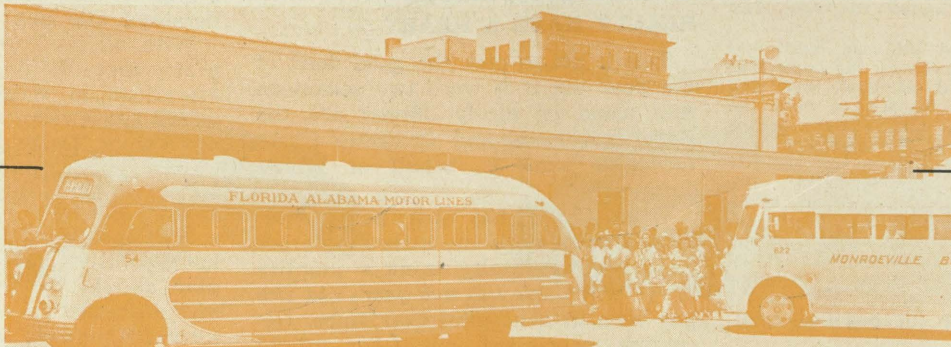
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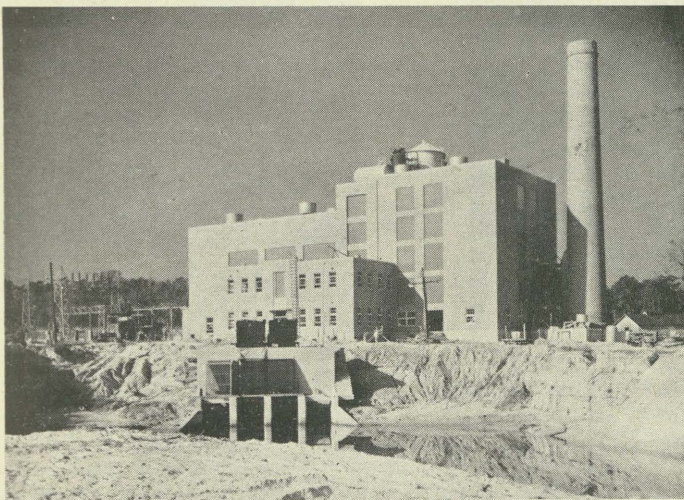
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be possible to obtain some help from the Federal Government under the new Bill now before Congress.

Mr. Hasti stated that the east coast and the west coast were agreed on the point that the eastern end should be built first, and said their Association wanted to help the State Road Department and was not trying to bring any special pressure. He said "Let us know where the line is to be and we will get the right of way for you." His suggestion was that construction should be from Sebring to Okeechobee, and then from Okeechobee to West Palm Beach. Upon being asked by Mr. Townsend, he stated that he thought Federal Route 19 should be constructed as first choice, but that it would not conflict with the Bee Line Highway.

Mr. Burton said they were here to represent the people, and that resolutions had already been filed with the Department stating the Bee Line Highway would open up a lot of new country which needed it. Mr. Waite expressed himself in accord with the statements already made. Mr. Whiting requested a survey of this route, especially from Sebring to West Palm Beach.

#### DEATH OF WILLIAM J. STRIBLING

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, William J. Stribling, of Arcadia, Florida, prior to his entering the services of the United States Navy, was an employee of the State Road Department of Florida in the First Division; and

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Department that he has paid the supreme sacrifice in line of duty in the service of his country, having been killed in action on August 16, 1944, following three years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Department deeply regrets the loss of this brave and loyal American and valued employee, and does hereby extend to his wife, Mrs. Shirley Stribling, of Astoria, Oregon, and to his mother, Mrs. Cora Stribling, of Arcadia, Florida, the deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to each of these surviving loved ones, and a copy to the Arcadia Press, and that it be spread upon the permanent minute records of the Department.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Upon agreement to hold a meeting in December, at Tallahassee, on a day to be fixed by the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned.

#### FRUIT PICKING

For many years it has been the custom of citrus growers to have each individual fruit clipped from the tree, on the theory that there would be a lower percentage of injury to the orange or grapefruit gathered in that manner than if it were pulled.

Since the war has caused a severe shortage of labor many have resorted to pulling the fruit because it can be gathered much faster than if clipped from the tree. And a study has been made to determine whether the pulled fruit keeps as well as the clipped.

To the surprise of the growers the experiment shows that at the end of two weeks the percentage of loss by decay of fruit pulled from the tree was 11.8 percent and that of clipped 15 percent, and of stem-end decay 5.7 percent of pulled fruit and 11 percent of clipped fruit.

That indicates clipping fruit from the trees will be less the rule than formerly, even when labor becomes plentiful.—Bradenton Herald.

#### BARTOW CIVIC CLUBS REALLY HAVE A HEART

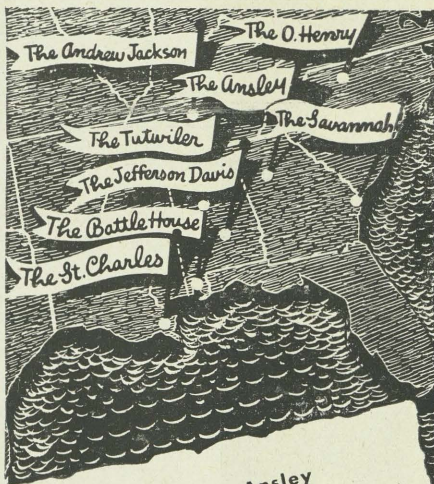
This is not to pick the good deed of the year but if it were two selections that could be nicely offered are the Bartow Kiwanis and Crickette Clubs for their work in behalf of Wilma Crummely.

Wilma, who has just passed her eighth birthday, is the little Frostproof girl who accidentally drank a quantity of lye when she was five years old and has been in a hospital ever since. Becoming concerned with her plight more than two years ago, the Bartow Kiwanis and Crickette Clubs have helped Wilma to have required difficult medical attention and be well started back to normal girlhood. They have helped her to have stays at the noted Jefferson Hospital, almost a last recourse in child throat cases, at Philadelphia, and are now seeing that her education is proceeding with a special teacher at a hospital in Bartow, where she has been a patient most of the time, and where long, tedious convalescence is still required. They have also given her the day in and day out love and affection—visits, presents, entertainment, interest, concern—that only

a sick little girl in a hospital can understand and appreciate.

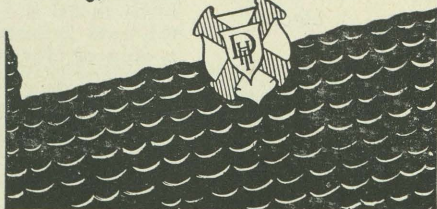
With all its faults, human nature is pretty nice. By their long and devoted attentions to Wilma, the Bartow Kiwanis and Crickette Clubs are proving it.—Tampa Daily Times.

We have approved the idea of consolidations in city and county offices, both jointly and separately, but the plan should be carefully worked out and discussed in detail before it is offered for passage, and the detailed provisions should be not in the amendment but in the enabling act so the legislature could make desirable changes without referring them back to the people every time.—Orlando Morning Sentinel.



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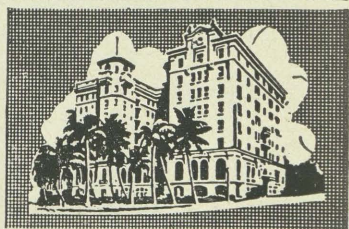
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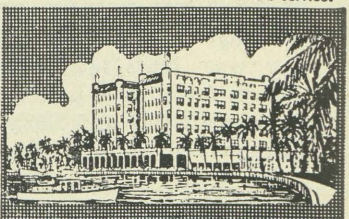


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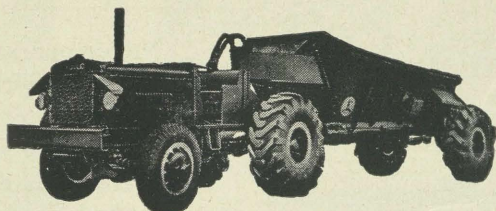
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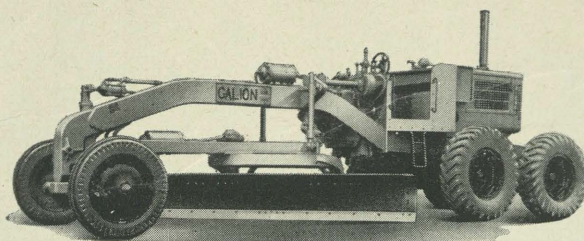
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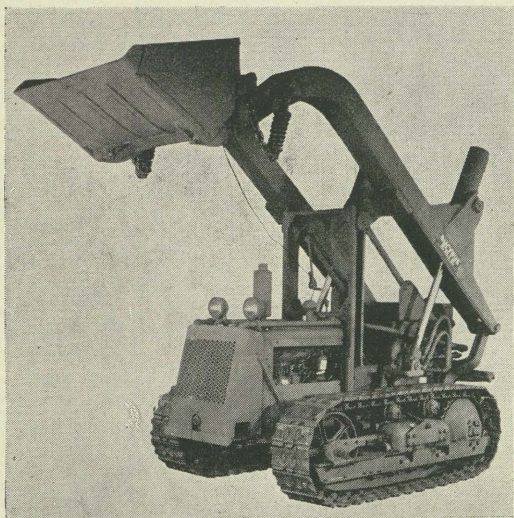
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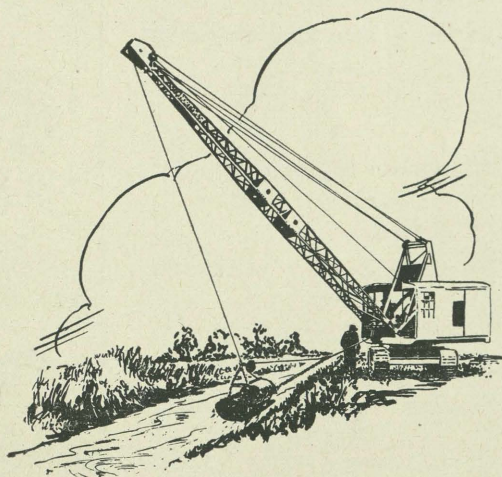
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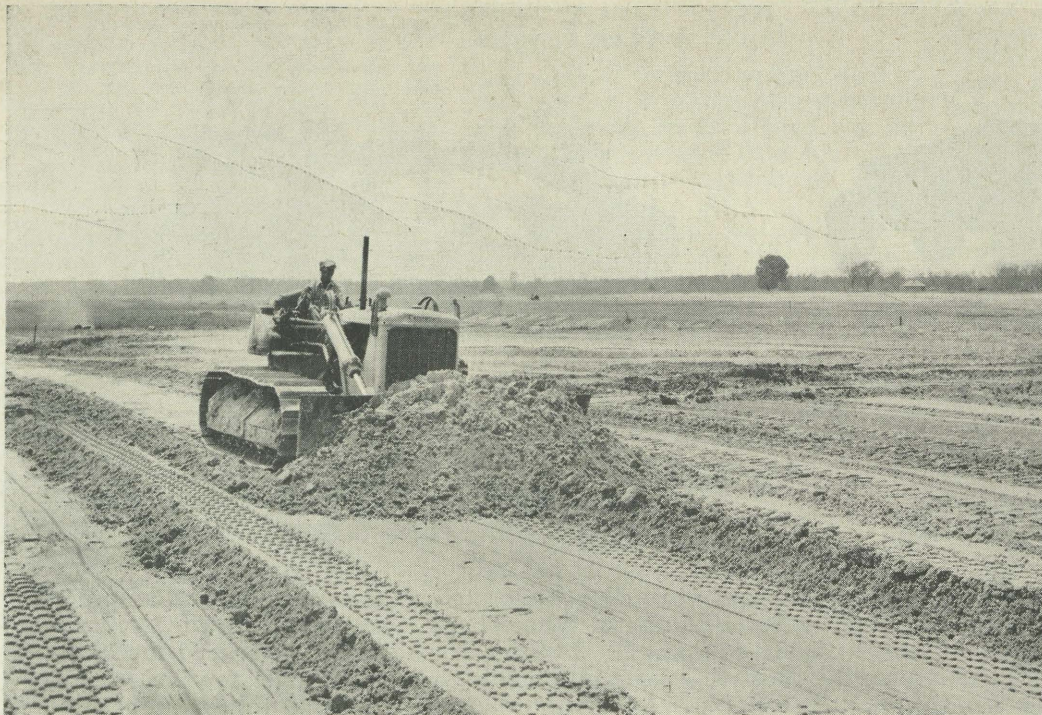


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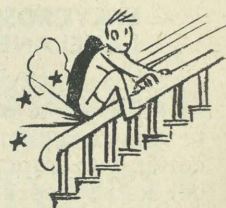


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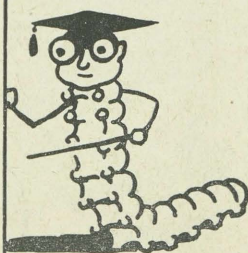
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